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On being black and being gay ...

"Sometimes you have to choose ..."

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Neighbors interrupt alleged gay-bashing attack in Montrose

Quick action by several concerned neighbors who witnessed an alleged gay-bashing incident Friday, Feb. 7 in the 400 block of Stratford may have prevented a more serious crime.

The four witnesses—Dan Wibel, Derek Overcash, Steve Thomas and Perry Smith—say they notified police after seeing several young men get out of a car, surround and beat an area resident who was walking his dog. One of the witnesses, who are all residents of an apartment complex on the block, then reportedly confronted the attackers, who jumped back into the car and left.

The witnesses were able to give police the license plate number of the car and a detailed description of its occupants.

"There were four guys who jumped on this one guy," said Overcash. "I saw the end of it, but one (neighbor) could see everything. We were sitting out on the patio talking."

Wibel said the victim was scared and shaken, but did not appear to be seriously injured. He fled the scene as the assailants were driving off, and initially did not want to file charges or make a formal police report. The man was not robbed, and according to the witnesses, police at the scene called the incident a hate crime.

The witnesses said the police officers who investigated the incident were exceptionally courteous and helpful, and that they talked to the victim at length. However, the man was still too frightened to make a report, they said.

The next day, the neighbors were able to convince the man to file charges and one of them accompanied him to the police station to make his report, Wibel said.

As of Monday, there were no arrests in connection with the incident, according to Houston Police Department spokesperson Rick Hartley.

When we moved to Houston in August of 1988 to take over the daily operation of our store here, the presidential race of that year was just heating up and, based on similar ads in Dallas, we began writing these weekly observations. Our early ads about that campaign were well received even though we were not known. The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus gave us an award that fall based on the ads.

During the intervening years and hundreds of ads we have become acquainted and even friends with many in local gay politics. Some of these same local gay politicos have, on occasion, disagreed with something we have written or even been the target of our observations. The point being that familiarity, while not necessarily breeding contempt, does often take the bloom off the rose. Some who loved our Bush-bashing were less comfortable when we got closer to home. In effect, our ads and LOBO became sometimes controversial.

All this is a preamble to an individual much longer established in the minds of gay Houstonians—Ray Hill. Because Ray has been fighting for gay and lesbian rights, prison reform and the sanctity of the First Amendment for more years than even he cares to recall, he also made himself probably the most controversial member of our community.

Even the unenlightened in our community recognize the name Ray Hill. Thanks to media attention his image is equally familiar. And few of those involved in any way in our community do not have strong feelings regarding Ray. He is either loved or hated—maybe disliked by some. Ray would have it no other way. He believes in involvement. He believes in causes. He believes in himself. He relishes the good fight. And he takes to the underdog with the fervor of the caped crusader.

And yes, he deservedly is accused of pushing himself—as he hits the spotlight so, too, do his causes. As president of HGLPC he avoided the day-to-day details but as its spokesperson he had no equal. When the Broussard murder focused on gay-bashing, Ray ably took the lead.

Our point is that we all have had mixed feeling about Ray from time to time. We have expressed those reservations in this space. But Ray has always respected our right to differ with him and properly retained our mutual respect.

Only the petty would deny that Ray is a community treasure. Recently we saw Ray speaking on prison reform for a League of Women Voters forum and his knowledge, combined with his incomparable speaking, stood far above the other speakers. Since we first met Ray 17 years ago he has developed and toned a speaking ability which, combined with years of experience and knowledge, have brought him to the status of not-so-elderly statesman of the gay movement.

Now Ray is running for political office again, and again for justice of the peace. But with a difference. Ray is really campaigning this time. And he is in a race without an incumbent, with a clear chance of winning. Ray is easily more qualified than any of his opponents. More importantly, Ray, as an openly gay candidate, is forming those necessary alliances outside our community. He garnered the backing of the women's attorney group even though two of his opponents are members of that group.

He has spoken before black organizations, leaving a lasting impression. Ray reaches out to every corner of Precinct One, which is not an easy task given its boundaries.

Ray has always shown that he can rise high above differences, bridge the conflicts and extend the hand of friendship. It is now time for all our community to do the same for Ray. He deserves all our support, has earned our respect, and he has never lost sight of that ultimate goal—to improve the lives of all lesbians and gay men.

We, personally, are delighted to support Ray's campaign for justice of the peace. We hope the community will do likewise. Allowing our usual lapse into history, we cannot fail to mention that Harvey Milk, now revered in gay annals, rarely had the support of his fellow gay politicos in San Francisco but that did not stop him from running—and winning—and it did not affect his devotion to his community and its leaders. Ray is our Harvey Milk. Let's show our support now, not when it is too late.

Tom Bianchi
"Out Of The Studio"

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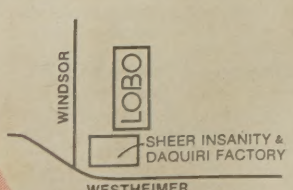

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▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: SAN ANTONIO

Artists, activists protest San Antonio member of National Arts Council

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

San Antonio artists and gay/lesbian activists are incensed at the reported role of a local representative on the National Arts Council in the overturning of recommended grants to two arts groups by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Following the funding cancellations and subsequent national publicity, six artists joined the Media Project, a San Antonio gay and lesbian anti— defamation organization, in a public statement decrying the S.A. member's alleged agenda of censorship. They claimed that art depicting sexual themes— gay and lesbian art in particular—has been unfairly singled out in NEA decisions.

The protesters say Jocelyn Straus, a well-known and influential San Antonio Republican fund raiser and a Bush appointee to the arts council, was instrumental in a panel decision to deny Visual Artists Organization (VAO) grants to Franklin Furnace of New York City and Highways of Santa Monica, Calif. on Jan. 31. Straus, who had participated in a small group review of the VAO grants the day before, reportedly directed the council's attention to three slides in particular that were "homoerotic" in the Highways presentation. In the case of Franklin Furnace, Straus focused on a video of the performance artist Scarlett O. that she described as "gross."

The video was a single piece from a presentation that contained works by several artists, and originally was not even considered by the panel in their funding decision because it was deemed to be a theatrical presentation, said Steve Bailey, a gay San Antonio artist. "I give Jocey (Straus) the right not to like one piece in the group," said Bailey. "But it's like the guy said in the New York Times, it's like defunding the Metropolitan Museum you don't like one painting in the show," he said, quoting the response of Renny Pritikin, director of New Langton Arts in San Francisco and head of the peer panel that reviewed the grant applications.

Straus and other members of the council have stated that the decisions were based on artistic merit and community standards.

Bailey, who said he has obtained a copy of the transcript from the meeting, claims Straus was "the instigator" of objections to the defunded artists. "The slides from Highways she objected to...were very definitely geared toward gays. In the Franklin Furnace case, the artist is a heterosexual woman, but she (Scarlett O) crossdresses, she has used a dildo in her act... she's a very graphic performance artist," Bailey said.

"But the point we're trying to make is, a straight white man is not targeted, the artistic merit of his work is not questioned. The big debate is, what determines (a lack of) artistic merit. It's as though if a work is sexual in content, it's assumed to be without merit...but sex is an American theme, it's not just in the arts, it's in everything. Can artists be asked not to use it? How can we not talk about sex?"

"...So under our present NEA, Caravaggio, Michaelangelo and DaVinci wouldn't be funded?

"We're all citizens, and queers are 10 percent of the population...we pay taxes, too, and we have a right to have (representative) art. Artists should be able to portray sexuality in a frank way. I'm not talking about an abusive or pornographic way," Bailey said.

Bailey was among local six artists identified in the Media Project statement, which called for Straus's resignation from the national council. He said that Straus is being singled out both for her active influence in the VAO decision and because she is from San Antonio.

The other objecting artists are Diana Cardenas, Michael Marinez, Glenna Park, Dennis Poplin and Kathy Vargas.

"Our big thing is that she's from here. We want her to know that she can't just come back and be complacent about this...we want her to know that we have people in San Antonio who won't stand for being censored," he said.

He said that other protests are being planned, but would not give details.

▼ ▼ ▼ HOUSTON LIVE

New musical 'Jane Eyre'--delicate but entertaining, faithful to the book

By JAVIER TAMEZ
The New Voice

Nothing works as well as a classic, and in the case of "Jane Eyre," the new musical with book and lyrics by Ted Davis (who also acts as director) and music and orchestration by David Clark, being presented at Stages through March 8, it works like a charm. Peter Bennet, Stages, artistic director, has landed the Southwest premier of a thoroughly lovely show.

The libretto follows and almost unprecedented adherence to the well—known novel by Charlotte Bronte. Opening at Gateshead, the estate of the Reed family, we find Jane (Jean Tafler) suffering the indignities of an orphaned child being supported by relatives who do not love her. She endures the taunting of the Reed children and the blind self-righteousness of Mrs. Reed (Connie Cooper). Mrs. Reed, convinced that Jane's strong will is symptomatic of her ungracious behavior, presents the child to mr. Brocklehurst (Jeff Baldwin), the benefactor of a boarding school for girls, and Brocklehurst agrees to accept Jane as one of his charges.

At Lowood, the boarding school, Jane must withstand the tyrannical headmistress, Miss Scatcherd (Linda Ewing). It is at Lowood, though, that Jane makes her first friend, the sweet and innocent Helen Burns (Jennie Welch). Jane survives an outbreak of typhus that kills many of the other girls and loses Helen to the consumption. Now grown, Jane accepts a position as a governess in the home of Edward Fairfax Rochester.

It is at Thornfield, the Rochester home, that the bulk of the action occurs. Jane and the Rochester daughter, Adele (Allison Kelly) quickly take to each other, and Jane learns to be leery of Grace Poole (Kimberly Maguire), an unfriendly, disheveled woman who is blamed by the rest of the household for the mysterious goings-on that occur in the middle of the night.

Edward Rochester (Peter Schmidt) informs Jane Eyre (Jean Tafler) of his expectations of her in "Jane Eyre," a new musical, at Stages Repertory Theater through March 8

Not long after her arrival, Jane meets Mr. Rochester (Peter Schmidt) and the two develop an awkward affection for one another. Their relationship develops, and eventually incidents from each of their histories are revealed which affect their lives together.

"Jane Eyre" is a case study in conservative theater. However, this is mentioned more as an observation than as a criticism. As it is now, the play is ideally suited to intimate theater. It follows the source story line very closely, so there will be no cause for concern from the fans of the novel, and the audience is privy to all the nuances of the tete-a-tetes which occur between Jane and Rochester. The musical numbers are subdued, which lends itself well to the Victorian demeanor of the characters. The director refrained from lightening the dialogue, and instead left largely intact the drawing room repartee that made the Bronte romance so enjoyable.

As enchanting as "Jane Eyre" is on this cozy level, if the writers hope someday to see this work produced on Broadway, they will almost certainly have to add to the sheer presence of the production. Some of the musical numbers may have to be livened, and the addition of a show-stopping, grand scale number will also be necessary.

Currently, the music has a melancholic feel to it. "Come to My Window," which is sung by Helen Burns in Act I and reprised by Jane in Act II, is a soulful yearning for more to life than the cards have dealt. "Wild Birds," sung by Jane and rochester in both acts, is a stirring anthem to their nature. And these two songs are exemplary of the somber note that pervades almost every song.

Given the solemn atmosphere, the performances from the cast are highly praiseworthy. Jean Tafler as Jane is as tenacious and full of spirit as the character penned by Bronte. Her voice is melodious and she strikes the right balance between determination and bitter pathos. She does a marvelous job. As the imposing but fair minded Rochester, Peter Schmidt has a controlled bluster that is well suited for his character. He has a deep, pounding bass that rings richly, particularly his lamenting confession, "This Is My Wife."

The remainder of the cast, all of whom took on multiple roles, do an exceptional job. Jennie Welch as the silently suffering Helen Burns, Connie Cooper as a detached and inconsiderate Mrs. Reed, Jeff Baldwin as a pompous and self-important Mr. Brocklehurst and Linda Ewing as the firm Miss Scatcherd and the annoying Blanche Ingram, Jane's rival for the affection of Rochester, all give laudable performances.

"Jane Eyre" is a musical of humble trappings and a shrouded ambience, but it tells a warm, romantic tale that has delighted many for over a century. Expect a full-throttle production, and you'll be disappointed. Expect a delicate and bridled version of a timeless story and you'll leave with a smile.

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Colorado University coach continues his attack on homosexuals

GREELEY, Colo., Saturday, Feb. 15 (AP)— University of Colorado football coach Bill McCartney on Friday continued his criticism of homosexuality but insisted it is based on compassion rather than hate.

"I did nothing more than call sin, sin. ... That is a really frightening thing," the fundamentalist Christian told about 275 people at an event for the Crisis Pregnancy Center here Friday. "I've been called a hate-monger and self-anointed ayatollah, but my heart is not against any man or person."

McCartney, an anti-abortionist and born-again Christian, has come under fire from campus groups and was reprimanded earlier this week by CU President Judith Albino for his public criticism of homosexuals.

The Crisis Pregnancy Center provides counseling services and discourages abortion.

Albino questioned McCartney using his university title to endorse a conservative group, which is trying to limit civil rights for homosexuals in Colorado.

Earlier this week, 120 CU students, faculty and staff protested outside McCartney's office after he used a campus news conference to say "homosexuality is an abomination of Almighty God."

"Those young kids in Boulder don't know I have a heart of compassion and concern," he said. "I am not condemning or blaming."

McCartney said homosexuals have "internal upheavals that literally drives a person stark raving mad. That torment makes (them) the most miserable of all people."

McCartney said the Lord has guided the CU team to three Big 8 titles and a national title.

"I've been coaching for 29 years and never tried to find out if there was a gay man on the team. I didn't care and would never humiliate him. I'd pray for him," he said.

McCartney quoted several verses of the Bible and said homosexuals "burn with lust" and try to seek other men. He said residents, including alumni who have questioned the coach's actions, misunderstand his motives.

▼ ▼ ▼ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gay-lesbian people must stick together, support others to fight hate crimes

From DAN WIBEL, Houston

Friday night, Feb. 7, 1992, shortly before midnight, I was an eyewitness to a gay-bashing incident directly in front of my apartment complex on Stratford Street in Montrose. I had returned home to find two of my neighbors standing in the parking lot chatting. They invited me to join them for a moment, which I did. Several minutes later, we heard several loud, raucous voices laughing and screaming. Initially, I thought it was just a group of gay men on their way to the Pacific Street bars. It did not register that it might be something else of a much more sinister nature.

The victim (whom I will not name, out of respect for his privacy and concern for his safety) was walking his dog when he was asked a seemingly friendly question by two young men standing on the corner. He amicably answered and without warning, they jumped him. A white Buick Electra bearing license plate No. 211-QMA and carrying several more young, clean-cut white males and one black male pulled alongside. All but the driver jumped out and leapt onto the victim. They continued to laugh an yell—they were actually having a great time! I did not hesitate, but ran immediately to my own apartment and dialed 9-1-1. My neighbors remained in the parking lot and one of them jumped into the beam of the Buick's headlights and yelled at them that he could identify them and they'd best get out.

Most of them jumped back into the car, but one of them remained outside and chased the victim halfway down the street before the Buick pulled up, he jumped in and they tore off. the victim disappeared and we could not locate him for a while. Another neighbor, who had come out of his apartment shortly before the assault ended, told us that the victim had run into the complex across the street and into his apartment. We went into his apartment and asked him if he was okay. He said, "I'm a survivor—I'll be fine." He then went on to tell us that he did not wish to pursue the matter. Needless to say, I was stunned and we left. As time. As time passed, I became angrier and angrier.

The police arrived shortly (within ten minutes) and we directed the officer to the victim's apartment. He went up and was there for ten or so minutes. When he came down, he informed us that the victim had told him that he did not want to press charges. I must say here that I was very surprised and impressed at the officer's high level of compassion and understanding of the situation. Regrettably, I neglected to get his name.

The neighborhood civilian patrol stopped by also, and were very helpful, telling us that a car of the same description was reported the weekend before for driving down the streets of Montrose, its inhabitants yelling "faggot" and the like. They thanked us for our alertness.

My neighbors and I talked for another hour about the incident and about our anger that the victim would not press charges. It soon became clear to me that although we knew that this kind of thing happens all the time (especially after Paul Broussard was murdered), it registered to not one of us that it could happen so close to home. I suppose that this is a form of naive denial—not wanting to admit or believe that human beings can actually be so heinous—but I was, nevertheless, surprised.

The next day, I went to talk to the victim. Physically, he was mildly scraped and bruised—pretty much okay. Emotionally, however (and quite understandably) he was in some level of shock and very afraid. I let him know that, whether he chose to pursue pressing charges (and I must admit that I did gently let him know that I thought he should do so), that I would support him and be available to him. I then went home.

Several hours later, I was alerted by one of the neighbors who'd been with me when the assault occurred that the victim had not changed his mind and that the police had been called. The victim talked with the officer and then they both came down to talk with us. I thanked the victim, telling him that he'd made me proud and that I was relieved that we'd all been present and alert. My neighbors and I then spoke with the police officer (an Officer Fencl, who was every bit as helpful as the officer the night before had been) and we gave our statements and pertinent information. He told us that we would be hearing from them if an arrest was made. I fully intend to follow through on this an make an identification if I can. I will work as hard as I can to see to it that these cretins pay for what they did.

The Buick's plates registered to an individual in the Intercontinental Airport area. I know this because one of the neighbors there with me that night had connections, and had the plate run. We are in possession of the owner's name, address and telephone. Will we use them? Only if necessary.

The reason that I am writing this letter about a comparatively mild incident is to let other gay men and lesbians know that it is possible to stop or at least lessen the frequency of these kinds of incidents if we stick together and support those men and women who might initially be too afraid to take action. I do not know if the victim of this particular incident would have pressed charges if he had not had the complete support of those of us who were there. I do know, however, that we cannot expect hate crimes to end if we do not band together in an attempt to stop them.

I have contacted the neighborhood patrol organization in my area and will be volunteering soon. I urge everyone who reads this to do the same.

I am also considering the purchase of a gun. I hate the idea, but as a friend of mine said to me this morning, I'd rather be tried by a jury of 12 of my peers than carried to an early grave by six of them.

We CAN stop the pandemic spread of this social disease called homophobia. All it takes is a modicum of support for one another and some level of assertiveness. I fully believe that one day, we can all live in freedom and dignity, without fearing for our lives.

—Q-Patrol card project

From MARK GARTNER, Houston

The Q-Patrol database now has the license numbers of over 100 vehicles. Most of these vehicles have been just cruising through the area with no apparent destination, and look suspicious. Others, however, have been seen throwing rocks, bottles, hubcaps, etc. and yelling sexual slurs.

When it gets as serious as yelling or throwing things, we go to the Harris County Courthouse and obtain the name and address of the owner of the vehicle, and mail one of our new postcards. The postcard reads as follows:

"Please be advised that the vehicle described below has been seen in the Montrose nightclub area. In an effort to stop hate crimes that are routinely committed against gay men and lesbians in this area, we have taken to the streets, recording the license number and description of vehicles that are continuously driving through the area with no apparent destination, or whose occupants have been observed yelling at or throwing people walking through this area."

"We maintain a database with this information, and share the information with city, county and federal law enforcement officials who are monitoring the hate crime situation here in Houston. Being logged into our database in no way implicates involvement in any crime or mischief. We simply want people to understand that gay bashing is no longer a 'sport' in Houston. If this vehicle belongs to your son or daughter, we strongly recommend that you have a talk with him or her before this situation becomes a problem."

We began mailing out these postcards three weeks ago. Evidence that they are effective: a Toyota Corolla whose occupants were seen in the area three weeks in a row, yelling "faggot" at pedestrians. We mailed a card ... haven't seen the vehicle since!

The card carries no telephone number, but DOES contain our mailing address: P.O. Box 66973, Suite 1017, Houston TX 77266-6973.

For further information, call me at (713) 645-5252.

▼ ▼ ▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

Ryan White Title II AIDS funding available; TDH Consortia seeks members

The Greater Houston AIDS Alliance, as the lead contractor for the Houston Health Service Delivery Area (HSDA), is alerting service providers, community leaders, local government officials and other of the availability of funding. Funding under the Ryan White C.A.R.E. Act/Title II HIV Care Consortia/HIV Assistance Grant will be awarded in accordance to guidelines established by the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) and the Texas Department of Health.

These funds will be allocated based upon the service needs of the HIV/AIDS affected population in counties of the Houston HSDA. The TDH Consortium will be responsible for the appropriate determination of needs and subsequent allocation of funds, as well as determining the process of awarding contracts to specific service providers. As lead agency, the Alliance is responsible for implementing the decisions of the TDH Consortium according to TDH policies and procedures, as well as contract monitoring and technical assistance for service providers.

The funding level for Title II Care Consortia programs has been set at $544,214 by TDH. Of this total, the Houston HSDA may use $347,953 for services in Harris County; the remaining $196.261 must be used to develop or enhance services in the other counties in the HSDA.

The funding level for Insurance Assistance has been set at $256,587. These funds are designated for the 10-county area of the Houston HSDA.

These funds are for the period of April 1, 1992-through March 31, 1993. The counties of the Houston HSDA are Austin, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, Walker, Waller and Wharton.

Entities wishing to be considered for funding should respond in writing to: Charles Henley, Project Director, Greater Houston AIDS Alliance, 2015 Thomas Street, Houston TX 77009.

Responses should include, at a minimum: The name, address, phone and FAX number of the respondent and a brief description of the services offered. Responses should be received by the Alliance no later than 5:00 p.m. on Feb. 21, 1992.

—Consortia members

The Texas Department of Health Care Consortia is an open group of individuals, including service providers, community leaders, persons affected by HIV/AIDS and others concerned with participating in the decisions regarding HIV/AIDS services in the Houston HSDA. The Greater Houston AIDS Alliance is seeking additional members to join this group.

Those individuals representing persons who may be most at risk, or who belong to groups more likely to be under-served (i.e. minorities, women and children, indigent, rural residents and so on) are especially encouraged to participate. Interested persons should contact Charles Henley, project director. The next meeting of the TDH Consortium is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Alliance offices, 2015 Thomas Street (second floor cafeteria in the Thomas Street Clinic building). For more information, call (713) 546-5733.

LIB members Suzanne Anderson and Stephanie Scott will present a workshop on real estate at the group's general meeting on Friday

—LIB meeting

Self-nominations for officer positions will be on the agenda of the next monthly meeting of Lesbians In Business (LIB). The meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. this Friday at Innova, 20 Greenway Plaza, Room 1.

Also at the Feb. 21 meeting, a program titled "Planning Your Future In Real Estate" will be presented by Suzanne Anderson, real estate broker and Stephanie Scott, certified public accountant. Anderson and Scott will discuss trends in the Houston real estate market, creative financing and tax strategies in buying, owning and selling property. Both presenters are founding members of LIB.

For more information on the program or the organization, call (713) 529-0077.

—Quilt display

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be shown in Houston at the University of St. Thomas Jerebeck Athletic and Activity Center May 1-4. The display is part of "An Event In Three Acts: Heart strings, the AIDS Memorial Quilt and You." (The event will also be in Dallas and San Antonio).

NAMES Project Houston is accepting new panels for the Quilt. The deadline to turn panels in for the display is May 1. Contact the NAMES Project Houston office for panel makers information at (713) 52-NAMES. The workshop is now open seven days a week.

Also, the NAMES Project needs many volunteers for an outreach education program, speaking and showing the Quilt to area schools and churches to help in AIDS awareness. The program is also a part of "An Event In Three Acts."

Two training sessions (free) have been scheduled. The first session is Saturday, Feb. 22, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Innova Building (20 Greenway Plaza), 10th floor, Room 5. The second session will be Wednesday, March 11, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the AIDS Foundation, 3202 Weslayan. Contact the NAMES project at the above number for more information.

—Tennis tournament

The Houston Tennis Club will have a Fun Doubles Tournament on Sunday, March 1 at memorial Tennis center. It will be a round robin event, with each team playing every other team.

The club will have six courts for three sessions beginning at 10:30 a.m. and playing until 3:00 p.m. The tournament is $5 per person plus one can of tennis balls.

Play will be in two different divisions, A and B, so that each team will be able to compete with teams of the same skill level. Players without a doubles partner will be set up with one. Also, immediately after the tournament, participants are invited for refreshments and socializing at the Black Eyed Pea restaurant.

The tournament is open to all interested players. For more information, call Barry at (713) 524-8046.

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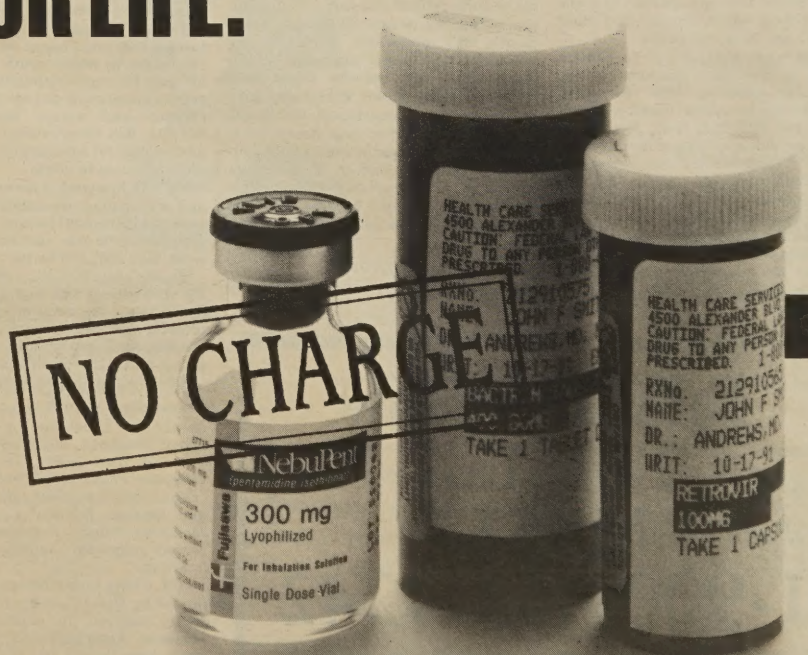

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▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Auburn student fined $50 in campus shooting near group of gay people

AUBURN, Ala., Friday, Feb. 14 (AP)—An Auburn University freshman accused of firing a pellet gun on campus pleaded guilty, but a judge ruled there was no evidence he meant to hurt nearby members of an embattled club for homosexuals.

Municipal Judge Joe Bailey levied a $50 fine and $44 in court costs against Jason Jacobs, 18, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He acquitted Jacobs on a charge of reckless endangerment.

Supporters of the Auburn Gay and Lesbian Association claimed the shooter was trying to hit members of the controversial organization when he fired from a dormitory window on Jan. 28. No one was hurt.

But Bailey said "there is not one scintilla of evidence" that Jacobs could have or tried to harm anyone when shooting the pellet rifle.

Jacobs may still face disciplinary action from the university, said Pat Barnes, Auburn's vice president for student affairs.

The shooting sparked a rally last weekend end by some 400 supporters of the homosexual group, which is fighting to keep its university charter in the face of opposition from students and alumni.

An AGLA member, Steve Migolski, said he was disappointed with the judge's verdict. But, he said, the case sends a message that hate crimes will be prosecuted.

"I'm not afraid," said John Bailes, an Auburn alumnus and AGLA member. "It doesn't mean I don't think there is some danger. I'm not going to let it affect my life."

University administrators granted AGLA a charter last month after the Student Government Association turned it down. The SGA is supporting a move to have the board of trustees revoke the charter.

City prosecutor Jacob Walker III noted that the pellet gun Jacobs fired was stamped with a manufacturer's warning that "careless use or misuse may result in serious injury or death."

He also called five AGLA members who testified they heard a shot hit a lamp pole in front of Noble Hall, about 10 feet from where they were standing. One AGLA member said that he and a friend then walked behind Noble Hall and were shot at.

No defense witnesses testified.

New vows on anniversary of San Francisco's domestic partners law

By DENNIS GEORGATOS
FOR THE NEW VOICE

SAN FRANCISCO, Friday, Feb. 14 (AP)—It was the most important Valentine of all.

Dozens of gay and lesbian couples made their way through City Hall's marbled corridors on Friday to register their Valentine's Day vow of love on the first anniversary of the city's domestic partners law.

The hand-holding domestic partners took turns walking down the grand marble stairway, many clutching their city-issued registration certificates, during a procession in the rotunda.

Friends and relatives whooped, cheered and took pictures and a string quartet played Pachelbel's Canon in D as the couples wound up the procession beneath a heart-shaped sign reading "Love Makes the Family." Later, they were treated to cake.

"We recently exchanged rings, at the beginning of the year, just the two of us," said C.J. Trebra. She and her partner, Linda Bacon, were among those registering vows.

Valentine's Day a year ago was the first time homosexual and unmarried heterosexual couples alike could register their partnerships under a voter-approved measure. The law does not provide any benefits, but allows couples to publicly declare their relationship.

"In the heterosexual world, Valentine's Day is the traditional day of love, and for lesbian and gay people it should be the same," said Joyce Sanders of San Francisco.

She and her partner, April Atkins, registered on Valentines Day as domestic partners to demonstrate "our eternal love," Sanders said.

They were among 58 gay and lesbian couples who either registered their vows or celebrated their first anniversary as couples registered with the city.

This year, 41 couples had paid the $35 fee to register as domestic partners by midday, said Maura Ramirez of the county clerk's office. There also were 85 weddings.

Since the law took effect, 1100 partnerships have been registered, about an eighth of the number who took out marriage licenses during that span.

"It's been really busy. It always is on Valentine's Day, especially for the domestic partners because of the anniversary," Ramirez said.

"Valentine's Day has always been kind of a fun day for us. We'd go out to dinner or send each other flowers," said John Angeles, who registered with his 11-year partner, David Differding. "Basically, we thought it was time. We've spent a lot of time supporting each other, supporting friends over the years. This sort of makes it all come together."

Detractors of the partnership law attempted a repeal last November, but failed.

"It's a fundamental right of everybody to love whom he or she will," said gay Supervisor Harry Britt, a leader in the domestic partner movement. "The ultimate meaning of our celebration is the future we are creating ... the freedom to love one another without prejudice, without fear."

San Francisco is among 19 cities nationwide the recognize some form of a domestic partnership.

▼ ▼ ▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

MAC to preview 'UFO Shows' this Sunday at the Briar Patch

Walter Carter and the staff of the Brazos River Bottom, Del McGee and the staff of Gentry, Betsy Worden and the staff of the Ranch, Wayne Gray and the staff of the Briar Patch, and the Unidentified Flaming Objects (UFO's) are combining their efforts to help the Montrose Activity Center. MAC will preview the "Live UFO Shows," coming to town in April and May of this year, at a kick off event this Sunday, Feb. 23 at 3:00 p.m. at the Briar Patch, 2294 W. Holcomb Blvd.

The UFO's, who describe themselves as "a wild, new and fresh combination of theatrical type persons" will directed by Wayne Gray, owner of the Briar Patch. The shows, a fund raiser for MAC's efforts to open a community center in Montrose this year, are meant both to entertain and amuse and elicit some nostalgia. The shows parody USO shows, and will be held at several locations. Prizes, including a 1992 Mazda pickup truck and a 1992 GF Suzuki motorcycle, will be awarded during Lesbian/Gay Pride Week in June.

Local stars in the UFO cast include Michael Quinn, Wayne Bailey, Bob Boettger, Dana Christian, Richard Middleton, Jim Nonus, Tom Powell, Sharon Stone, Ms. Evelyn, Ms. Vickie and Clyde Williams. The preview will provide a small sampling of the entertainment to expect in the later show, said members.

—Condom Week

Last Friday, Valentine's Day, kicked off the observance of "National Condom Awareness Week," and local AIDS activists distributed condoms and AIDS education literature outside a Houston high school quietly and without incident Friday morning, Feb. 14. They had come to the school, the Magnet High School for Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, by student—who has herself become something of an AIDS awareness activist on campus.

Deana Billman, an outspoken teen who said she was not surprised that teachers and administrators figured out she was behind the morning visit, says the school has a disproportionately high pregnancy rate. There is much more, however, behind Billman's promotion safer sex. Her father, she said, died of AIDS last April.

"Most everybody at the school knows about me, knows about my father and everything," Billman said. Also, she said, "I had written an article in the school newspaper about a week before Valentine's Day" urging use of condoms by students who are sexually active.

"I was worried at first, about the teachers finding out and everything, but they did, and it's been okay," she said, noting that she did get into an argument with one teacher. School administrators and other students have been supportive.

Billman said she decided to contact someone to distribute condoms at the school after speaking with the school nurse, who told her school personnel could not only not distribute them, they could not even provide educational materials on safer sex. "They are not even allowed to talk about (condoms) unless they are asked a specific question," Billman said.

She said a friend referred her to activist Brian Bradley, who had previously organized condom and AIDS information distributions at other area high schools. Bradley said later, "It went without a hitch," and noted that the activists were able to give out about 1000 condoms with AIDS information leaflets—the most successful school distribution to date.

"(The distribution) went really smooth," said Billman, who noted the only backlash, if it could be called that, was a distribution of "Bible education information" on campus Monday morning.

Over the weekend, other distributions took place, mostly in the gay and lesbian community. Volunteers from AIDS Foundation Houston and the city health department's HIV prevention bureau held a "Condoms and Kisses" campaign, distributing safer sex packets along with Hershey's candy kisses at area gay bars.

The Houston Department for Health and Human Services, in a statement issued the week before the observance, joined in supporting Condom Week and explained the city would be participating in distribution programs because of the increasing number of AIDS cases in Houston.

—New youth group

Most teenagers have sources of support and self worth, but because of misinformation and hostile attitudes toward homosexuality, gay teens must continually face possible rejection and abandonment by their families, peers and the community. The consequences of living in such a hostile environment, with the constant fear of alienation, can be devastating, according to Ron Sparks, facilitator of a new youth peer support group. Gay youth, said Sparks, may be more vulnerable to substance abuse, chronic depression, school truancy and suicide.

Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL) began to provide an environment in which youth who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or uncertain about their sexual orientation can openly and safely explore and accept their identities. SMYAL will be providing outreach programs, general community education and direct services to youth.

SMYAL has weekly peer support groups and educational presentations. the group meets at Intracare Hospital, 7601 Fannin, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Saturdays. This week, Ray Hill will be the guest speaker.

Sparks said SMYAL will also be working with other youth and gay/lesbian organizations on community fundraisers, projects and social activities. Volunteers are needed. For more information on this group, call (713) 520-TEEN.

—Hill campaign kickoff

A campaign kickoff party for Ray Hill, openly gay candidate for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, will be held this Sunday, Feb. 23 from 4:00- 7:00 p.m. at the Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada.

The event is hosted by the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus and the Montrose Palace. Refreshments will be served; suggested campaign contribution is $10-25.

Hill, a long time Houston activist, is endorsed by HGLPC in the race. he also recently received the endorsement of the Houston Association of Women Attorneys, even though one of the candidates opposing him in the race is a member of the group. On Tuesday night, Hill was endorsed by Mexican American Democrats de Houston and U.S. Rep. Craig Washington.

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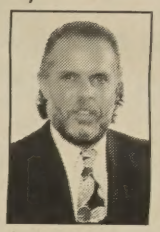

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AIDS victim convicted of spitting gets 20-day sentence; will appeal

By TERRY KINNEY
FOR THE NEW VOICE

CINCINNATI, Tuesday, Feb. 18 (AP)—A man convicted of assaulting two corrections officers and a nurse by spitting his AIDS-infected blood and saliva on them was sentenced today to serve 20 days in the same jail where the incident occurred.

Steven O'Banion, 40, of Cincinnati said he would appeal the sentence. He could have been sentenced to six months in jail and fined $1,000 on each count.

"I'm disappointed, to say the least," O'Banion said.

Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge Gilbert Bettman sentenced O'Banion to 60 days in jail, with eight months' probation and community service, on each of three counts of misdemeanor assault. But he suspended 40 days of each sentence, and ordered that they run at the same time.

O'Banion contended that the guards beat him, causing him to cough up blood and saliva. Sheriff's officers alleged that O'Banion threatened to infect guards and the nurse with his blood and saliva.

O'Banion was originally charged with four counts of attempted murder as well as assault charges. Bettman had dismissed the more serious charges, finding him guilty only of three simple assault charges, in a December trial.

O'Banion, who has AIDS, was arrested in September on jaywalking and disorderly conduct charges. He contends that he was harassed by city police officers because he is gay.

Following a scuffle with police, O'Banion was taken to the county jail, where four corrections officers and a jail nurse said he spit blood and saliva on them.

"The only reason they pursued this was to cover up the fact that I was the one that was beaten," O'Banion said Monday.

▼▼▼ DATELINE; THE WORLD

Fear of AIDS leads customers to demand ever younger prostitutes

By ALEXANDER G. HIGGINS
FOR THE NEW VOICE

GENEVA, Tuesday, Feb. 18 (AP)—The fear of AIDS is driving some customers to demand much younger prostitutes, contributing to the global growth in the sale of children, the author of a U.N. report said Tuesday.

Vitit Muntarbhorn, a law professor in Thailand, said in a telephone interview from his home in Bangkok that children of 9 or 10 were frequently taken across borders and then tricked or forced into prostitution.

"A multitude of children worldwide fall into this web of bondage, and the numbers are increasing daily," Vitit said in his report for the U.N. Commission on Human Rights.

Customers often are indifferent to the children's plight, Vitit said. "If they do care, it is usually for their own health."

In some areas, he said, customers are opting "more and more for younger prostitutes, particularly virgins, in the belief that they will protect themselves from the threat of AIDS."

Many child prostitutes in India, Thailand and the Philippines have tested positive for the AIDS virus, he said. The World Health Organization has reported similar findings.

The sale of children is extensive but is difficult to measure because the abuses are "shielded by the cloak of a pervasive underworld," Vitit said.

He said the numbers of young prostitutes, up to the age of 17, were highest in Asia and Latin America, where millions of street children are lured into prostitution.

There were also reports of an increase in child prostitution in Africa, North America and Europe, he said.

"Criminal elements wait in the wings to lure or trick many children into prostitution," Vitit said, but added that "in some parts of the world it is parents who sell their children into prostitution either wittingly or unwittingly."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: TEXAS

Dallas City Council votes to appeal ruling on gay officers

DALLAS, Thursday, Feb. 13 (AP)—The City Council voted to appeal a judge's ruling striking down the Police Department's ban on homosexuals.

The vote Wednesday was taken in a closed session and was not disclosed.

State District Judge Larry Fuller ruled Feb. 3 that the Dallas police cannot bar homosexuals from becoming officers.

Mica England, a 27-year-old lesbian who has tried to join the department since 1989, reapplied the day after Fuller's ruling.

Dallas is the only large city in the nation to bar gay officers.

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AIDS activist groups say prosecutor's question was improper

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Monday, Feb. 17 (AP)—Two prison inmates, one a convicted killer, should get a new trial because a prosecutor improperly asked a witness whether he had AIDS, the American Civil Liberties and two other groups contended Monday.

The state Supreme Court should order a new trial "to give a clear message to prosecutors and other agents of the state that this behavior is illegal and will not be tolerated," the groups said in their friend-of-the-court brief.

Inmates Gerald S. Mastracchio and Christopher Roffo were convicted in March 1990 in connection with a 1988 assault on two other inmates. The fight was about a woman, prosecutor Gerard Sullivan said at the trial.

Mastracchio, who was 27 when he was convicted, was sentenced to 10 years in addition to the life sentence he already was serving for murder. Christopher Roffo, 23, a convicted car thief who was serving a year for assaulting a prison guard, was given an additional eight years.

During the trial, Sullivan asked a defense witness if he had the virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome. A judge immediately ruled the question out of order, but the witness, who had not told anyone but his family and close friends that he had the AIDS virus, visibly was shaken.

Sullivan, in his closing argument, later pointed out that the witness was sweating and obviously nervous, and he used that in an attempt to impeach the witness' testimony.

The ACLU, the Rhode Island Alliance for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights and Rhode Island Project AIDS argue that Sullivan's comment, even if overruled by the judge, hopelessly prejudiced the jury.

AIDS information is supposed to be confidential, ACLU attorney Linda S. MacDonald argued in her brief. Sullivan's use of it was "blatantly in violation" of the witness' and the inmates' civil rights, she said.

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Charges dropped against men who say they were targeted out of prejudice

By PAUL GEITNER
FOR THE NEW VOICE

NEW YORK, Saturday, Feb. 15 (AP)—Drug and tax charges were dropped against three men who said they were targeted by a rogue federal prosecutor because they are gay, but the question of whether other cases may be affected remained unanswered.

U.S. District Judge Kevin Duffy granted the motions Friday after reviewing a Justice Department letter detailing the results of its internal investigation, which reportedly uncovered phony evidence.

Duffy then sealed the letter. Justice Department lawyers refused to comment on its contents.

U.S. Attorney Otto Obermaier also has refused to comment on the investigation, or to say if other cases handled by the prosecutor—Assistant U.S. Attorney James McGuire—were being reviewed.

But David Greenfield, attorney for one of the defendants freed Friday, predicted, "Lawyers in other cases may very well want to see that letter."

Another defendant, gay business person Bruce Mailman, said he felt vindicated but angry.

"It's just gay bashing in another form," he said of his 3-year legal ordeal.

Mailman, 52, said he was reluctant to file a civil suit against the government because, "I don't know that I want to spend another second of my life with this."

In an affidavit filed Thursday, the Justice Department's Public Integrity Section said it did not find enough evidence to substantiate selective prosecution—as defense lawyers charged.

But it asked the charges be dropped anyway because "evidence was apparently falsified," the papers said.

Defense lawyers last week sought to force the government to turn over results of its investigation into McGuire and an Internal Revenue Service agent, Frank Primerana.

Mailman's lawyer, James LaRossa, said in an affidavit McGuire confirmed to him that Mailman was indicted because of his sexual orientation.

"My concern was that one prosecutor and an agent working with him exhibited a deep-seated personal bias against gays and sought to target gays for prosecution," LaRossa said.

McGuire, 37, joined Obermaier's office in 1985. He was suspended with pay last February pending the results of a Justice Department investigation into separate charges.

He was accused of making up corruption charges against Obermaier and the man who selected him to be U.S. attorney, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato.

Primerana resigned last year.

Wisconsin appeals court says no benefits due for lesbian couple

MADISON, Wis., Friday, Feb. 14 (AP)—State law does not require employers to give lesbian and gay couples the same family health insurance coverage provided married employees, a state appeals court ruled.

The 4th District Court of Appeals held Thursday the state Department of Health and Social Services didn't violate the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act or the equal protection clause of the state Constitution when it refused to give family health coverage to Jerri Linn Phillips of Madison.

In upholding Circuit Judge Angela Bartell, the court said DHSS didn't discriminate against Ms. Phillips because of her marital status, sexual orientation or gender because she was treated no differently than any unmarried person.

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Scrumptious 'Tomatoes'; grand 'Canyon'; lame 'Hand'; weird 'Lunch'

REVIEWED By JAVIER TAMEZ
The New Voice

Some movies just make you feel good, and "Fried Green Tomatoes" is as fine an example of this as any other movie. It's the story of Evelyn Couch (Kathy Bates), a large woman, ignored by her husband and attacked with blunt objects by her husband's aunt.

Evelyn, sitting in the waiting room of a nursing home while her husband visits his aunt, meets an eccentric octogenarian, Ninny Threadgoode (Jessica Tandy). Ninny strikes up a conversation and over the course of several visits, she tells Evelyn a captivating story of life in her hometown, Whistle Stop, Alabama.

It is through this series of flashbacks that we learn all about Idgie Threadgoode (Mary Stuart Masterson) and Ruth Jamison (Mary-Louise Parker) and the remarkable friendship they develop during their youth.

Idgie is headstrong, independent, and has no times for the niceties of Southern living. Ruth is demure and proper and seeks to avoid the plague of scandal. However, the camaraderie, the sisterhood they build helps them to work together to open their own cafe, and later to fend off pressure from the Klan for their policy of treating blacks equally. For Evelyn, Ninny's story proves to be a catalyst for change in her own life, with the somewhat predictable results.

"Fried Green Tomatoes is thoroughly scrumptious. It's warm, funny and touching with completely engaging characters. 3 1/2 stars

—Grand Canyon

In the right hands, ensemble casts can mesh together with as much harmony as a seasoned barber shop quartet. This type of presentation, in which the characters' lives intertwine believably, but each character is distinct and fully developed, can make an exceptional film. Lawrence Kasdan, who has already proven his directing and writing talents with large casts in "The Big Chill" and "Silverado," has once again brought together disparate actors and crafted a great movie.

In "Grand Canyon," Mack (Kevin Kline) is returning home from a basketball game when he tries to avoid the clogged traffic by taking side streets. his ride through one of Los Angeles' more unsavory neighborhoods turns into near tragedy when his car stalls and four young street toughs decide to take advantage of the opportunity. Fortuitously, Simon (Danny Glover) happens by in his wrecker and through some quick talking saves both their necks.

Mack revels in his good fortune and the good deed performed by Simon. His wife, Claire (Mary McDonnell) is puzzled but understanding, while his best friend Davis (Steve Martin) is cynically skeptical. Mack, determined that something, somehow should come out of the incident, returns to the garage where Simon had originally towed him. He finds Simon there, invites him to breakfast and tries to explain why he feels compelled to learn more of him.

Later Mack happens upon his secretary, Dee (Mary-Louise Parker) having lunch with one of her girlfriends, Jane (Alfre Woodard). Unknown to him, Dee has been telling Jane of the angst she suffers because her feelings for Mack are unrequited. To make matters worse for Dee, Mack sets up Jane and Simon on a blind date.

Claire, in the meantime, has become somewhat obsessed with an abandoned child she found while jogging, and Davis appears to undergo a change of attitude after a shocking and repulsive episode.

This is a wonderful treasure of a movie. I loved every minute of it. 4 stars.

—The Hand That Rocks The Cradle

The idea behind the thriller is to keep the viewer tense. The audience knows that something is amiss, but they do not know how it will play itself out. That's the idea. Then of course, there are movies like "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle," which offer little in the way of suspense and even less in the way of substance.

The plot begins with an expectant mother, Claire (Annabella Sciorra) paying a visit to a new obstetrician. The doctor turns out to be a muted rapist, and in the course of his examination he fondles Claire's breasts and probes her without wearing a glove. Claire is aware of what has happened, and she tells her husband Michael (Matt McCoy) what transpired. Michael tells her that the police must be notified.

Kevin Kline is Mack and Danny Glover is Simon in "Grand Canyon," the new drama by Lawrence Kasdan

Claire files charges, and when they become public four other women come forward and file civil suits against the doctor claiming he did the same to the. The doctor, facing a ruined practice, kills himself.

Coincidentally, the wife of the doctor, Peyton (Rebecca de Mornay), was also pregnant. In a meeting with her lawyers, she learns that because the estate is tied up, pending the outcome of the civil suits, she is left with no money. The trauma of her husband's crimes and suicide and her now desperate situation leads to a miscarriage. While recuperating in the hospital she catches a news report of the events surrounding her husband, a report which includes the name and picture of Claire, and her mind begins to whir.

Several months later, Peyton shows up at the home of Michael and Claire. She offers herself as a nanny. She wins over the couple, despite having fabricated references (which apparently the trusting couple never bothered to check). Once in the household, she worms her way into their lives, and at every opportunity makes herself seem like a hero next to the negligence of Claire. Only Solomon (Ernie Hudson), a mentally retarded handy-man, who has been hired to help with upkeep in the yard, recognizes the evil behind Peyton.

It's all very trite and uninspired, and is nothing more than a latter day, slip shod "Fatal Attraction." This is one lame movie.

—Naked Lunch

Regular movie goers will recognize David Cronenberg as the responsible hand behind some of Hollywood's more gruesomely captivating offerings. "The Fly," "Scanners," "The Brood," and "Videodrome" are among the bizarre and grotesque films he has brought to the screen. Well with "Naked Lunch," based on the novel by William S. Burroughs, he has outdone himself, at least with regard to weirdness.

The story, is about Bill Lee (Peter Weller), a writer living in New York City in the early 50's who makes a living as an exterminator. His wife, Joan (Judy Davis) appreciates his vocation because she happens to be addicted to the bug killing powder he uses. One day an apparition appears before Lee. The specter looks like a big bug and talks like a military officer. Seemingly possessed, Lee shoots it; unfortunately, it turns out to be his wife.

This prompts Lee's flight to the Interzone, a strange nether land populated by peculiar people and bugs, lots of bugs. There he meets a decadent couple, Tom (Ian Holm) and Joan Frost (Davis again), but the interplay with them is nothing compared to the bugs. They are everywhere, in a variety of shapes and sizes. they're big and sophisticated and secrete an addictive fluid of some sort. They're also very small (like you would expect a bug to be) with holes on their back through which they communicate. These little ones speak the entire time they bounce around Leo's typewriter as they produce his manuscripts. The strangest one, though, is a half bug, half human creature (Julian Sands) that doesn't really serve a purpose.

"Naked Lunch" is visually stunning, It's a surrealistic ride on a drug-induced ferris wheel of perceptions. Cronenberg is a true artist, but this movie is just too weird.

Straight-laced Ruth (Mary-Louise Parker) and Idgie (Mary Stuart Masterson) share a deep bond of friendship in "Fried Green Tomatoes"

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

New ad uses bedside photo of dying AIDS victim, grieving family

By SKIP WOLLENBERG
AP Business Writer
FOR THE NEW VOICE

NEW YORK, Thursday, Feb. 13 (AP)—Apparel maker Benetton shrugged off complaints of exploitation Thursday and said it was having no problem finding U.S. magazines for a new advertisement that shows a dying AIDS victim and his grieving family.

The trendy fashion concern is pinning its "United Colors of Benetton" logo on previously published news photographs, including one that shows David Kirby on his deathbed in May 1990 comforted by his family.

The Kirby family supports the ad, but most magazines in Britain rejected it, saying it unfairly exploits an emotional and personal issue to sell sweaters and scarves. Company executives said every U.S. magazine they approached accepted the ad.

Last year, some publications refused to run one Benetton ad that showed a priest and a nun in religious habits kissing and another that showed the blood-stained body of a newborn baby with her umbilical cord attached.

Earlier Benetton ads that aroused debate showed a black person's arm handcuffed to a white person's arm, a black woman nursing a white baby and a black youngster with hair shaped like horns hugging an angelic-looking white girl.

Company officials concede the ads are designed to improve consumer awareness of the brand, but said they also want to raise issues like ethnic harmony.

Benetton creative director Oliviero Tocascani said he searched through thousands of news photos for this year's ads to "reflect the reality of life" rather than staged situations with models.

Those chosen include photos of immigrants fleeing to a ship, a man with a gun slung over his back and carrying a huge bone and a couple carrying a few possessions through hip-high floodwater.

The Kirby photo, taken at the family's invitation in hopes its publication would warn others about the dangers of AIDS, appeared in the Nov. 1990 issue of Life magazine.

It shows an anguished William Kirby cradling his dying son's head while David's sister Susan held her daughter Sarah at his bedside.

William Kirby and his wife, Kay, traveled from their home in Stafford, Ohio, to appear with top Benetton executives Thursday as they presented the company's 1992 $80 million ad campaign.

The Kirbys said they supported Benetton's use of the photo, arguing that more people would see it.

The ad appears in the March issues of Vogue, Vanity Fair and Interview magazines and will run later in Details, Elle, Mademoiselle, Us and Spin, said Benetton spokesperson Peter Fressola.

▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS SOAP

Mardi Gras is in the air: Krewe du Vieux parade kicks off Carnival time

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

Something is filling the air and we all know what it is. King Cakes cover coffee break tables, and parades are passing from Slidell to the Vieux Carre'. "Throw My Baby Out the Window/Let the Joint Burn Down..." as Al Johnson's "Carnival Time" says.

The Krewe du Vieux Carre' marched Saturday, Feb. 15, from Esplanade down Decatur, into the Quarter and into New Orleans legend. It was a great parade, filled with the kind of satirical hoop-la Momus always promised but never delivered.

Dorothy Mae Taylor was represented more than any figure, historic or present. Some of it was a hoot. Had only the Mystik Krewe of Momus had the courage of their conviction, they could have made Mardi gras history, and sent out on the streets a parade of empty floats that would have been talked about 'till the French regain Louisiana.

However, as we all know, the upper crust was so flaked by Dorothy Mae Taylor's introduced ordinance, they not only took their dolls and went home, they took a well-aimed kick at bringing down the doll house as they went. Not a noble showing, folks.

Anyway, Momus-less and Comus-less Carnival is off to what promises to be one of the most entertaining since the police strike a few years back. That mardi gras, a friend and I rode bicycles down Rue Bourbon catching beads from throwers sitting on balconies with gunny sacks full of throws.

It's a fool's point of view that Carnival belongs to one group, be they police or old line krewes. Mardi Gras in New Orleans is like Spring, it can not be stopped. The Krewe du Vieux and their ball, the "Vieux to-Doo," held at Storyville, proves the point.

Meanwhile, beck at the Mint bar the crowd twittered about the coming "Bayou Bodyshop Dancers" from Indiana. So what do bayous have to do with Indiana? "Nothing," said Father Al. "They take a localized name everywhere they go." Lovely to look at, scantily dressed, no cover charge, next Friday at 10:00 a.m. at The Mint, esplanade at Decatur.

Carnival decorations are also tickling barroom patrons. The Mint, always elegant, is graced by a sort of regal robe flowing out of the fireplace mantel. And Smurf at the Golden Lantern has a celestial ceiling with a gander.

Up the slue Rue Bourbon, at St. Anne, the Bourbon Pub's upstairs appendage, the Parade, is vowing to reopen on Mardi Gras if not before.

The remaining gay Mardi Gras balls: Petronius, Sunday, Feb 23 at Municipal Auditorium, Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette; Lords of Leather, March 1, Saint Bernard Auditorium, Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette.

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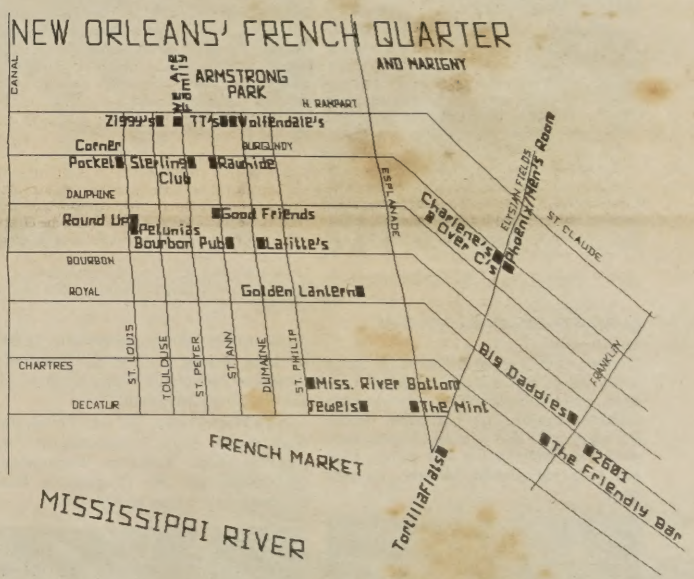

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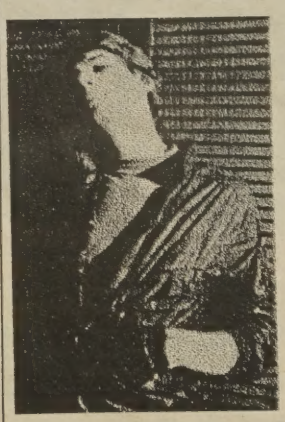

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▼ ▼ ▼ YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

Re-adjusting on the way home to the Swamp from Los Angeles

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

TNV New Orleans

On the flight to Louisiana from California, we took off from San Francisco on a fog-free morning, affording the kind of travel-video view one hardly ever sees in real life. In the seat behind me was a plump, pink lady from Connecticut who flew in at night and was told she would love seeing the take off in the daylight. She did.

We swooped up over San Francisco Bay, looking down on the famed TransAmerica Pyramid, the most unique building in America, and the mighty Bank of America, "The City's" tallest building. Beyond lay Salsaleto and Mill Valley, where I had just spent five glorious days hot tubbing, wine drinking and all around California-ing.

Then, the Golden Gate Bridge took my breath, as it has since first seeing it in 1968. On this visit, I walked with a lady friend, with whom I was a hippie in those distant, fabled days. We walked around the Marin Headlands looking back at the bridge and San Francisco, paradise on the hill. A group of young, well-dressed Germans passed us, tempting me to dazzle them with my 15 word German vocabulary. I did not.

We watched the Germans and talked of my Grandmother's coming from Stuttgart when she was a girl of 16. We talked of Bob Dylan's last big-selling album, "John Wesley Harding." In that collection, the uncontested poet of the 60's writes/sings: "I pity the poor immigrant, who wishes he would have stayed home..." The year was 1968. Dylan, born a Jew, was about to "find Christ."

Our plane flew south along the Pacific coast nearly to Los Angeles, the city of immigrants. The megapolis was visible as nearby sprawling suburbs and a distant, brownish dome of automobile fumes. I heard the pink lady tell her seat mate she would rather live in San Francisco. The pilot talked about the L.A. Basin and we headed out over the desert.

Los Angeles is built in a coastal desert. It is the reason they irrigate and have so many sunshiny days. It is the reason they fight with northern California over northern California water. And the reason L.A. was the nation's first city to notice car fumes mixed with sunshine were forming a new, more potent air pollution.

Waiting to change planes at Houston's huge Intercontinental Airport, I read the first item of the San Francisco Chronicle's elderly, timeless columnist Herb Caen:

"We're still trying to check this, but around USAir, staffers are circulating the story of an employee last named Gay who boarded a USAir flight with a non-revenue ticket. Finding the seat assigned to him occupied by a paying passenger, he slipped into an empty one a couple of rows back. Then, due to a mechanical delay on another flight, the plane began filling up so the gate agent came aboard to get all non-paying passengers off. Stopping at the seat assigned to Mr. Gay, he said to the man, 'Are you Gay?' Looking startled, the man nodded, at which the agent said, 'Then you'll have to get off.' Mr. Gay, hearing this, called out to the agent, 'You've got the wrong man—I'm Gay.' Whereupon a young man seated across the aisle leaped to his feet and announced, 'Hell, I'm gay, too—they can't kick all of us off!...'"

Landing safely back in New Orleans just after a five inch rainstorm—as normal in the great mother swamp as red beans on rice—the news greeted me of heavy rains in the Los Angeles Basin.

Rains hardly noticed in a swamp easily flood a desert. Most western U.S. cities make allowances for rare but occasionally heavy rainstorms. Los Angeles and Houston do not.

On the third day of national interest in L.A.'s flooding, a sickening story was splattered in the Times-Picayune about a washout at a sewerage treatment plant spilling "raw sewerage" into downtown L.A. Not that cooked sewerage would be anything to want floating around downtown Los Angeles, but raw sewerage sounds about as awful as anything ever gets.

Back in New Orleans, I asked Jimmy, the barber, who was raised in Los Angeles, if anything happened while away. He said, "Comus and Momus are still not parading and Comus has banned TV from the meeting with Rex on Mardi Gras. Everybody else is parading. And, Dorothy Mae Taylor and Jackie Clarkson are in a bitch fight, they were calling each other insane at last week's city council meeting."

▼ ▼ ▼ SAN ANTONIO SOAP

Valentine's Day pics; Events at Ab's; C.O.C. anniversary at Nite Owl

Sylvia DeCarlo and Liz St. Thomas at the 106

Joey Sanchez, Mo Burns, and Lorelle Dalmolin on Valentine's Day at the Country Club

Robert Sauceda of the Wild Club with Gary LaBiche and Marcus Sepeda, owners of O'Boy's

By ESHCOL RICHARD WRIGHT

The New Voice

This week, the best of San Antonio could be found in the friendly faces all over town, so this week's San Antonio soap features mainly photographs, taken during a wild and eventful Valentine's weekend. There are a few tidbits that had to be mentioned, however, so here goes:

Hearts for Life raised close to $1,000 at their benefit, held at the Magnolia Gardens Restaurant. Hands up to all those who participated...

Ab's Westernaire, 722 San Pedro, has Stag Night every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays the Progressive Pool Tournaments begin at 8:00 p.m.

Ab's also tells us a Dart League is beginning Sunday (Feb. 23). Mark this on your calendars! Social hour is every Monday and Tuesday, with $1.50 long necks, $1.50 wells and 50 cent draft all day and night. And Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. is the regular River City Pool league.

The Paper Moon, 1430 Main, will be having after hours on Sunday night from 9:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. with 25 cent beer.

The Chain of Command, a leather club, will be holding a first year anniversary celebration at the Nite Owl, 330 San Pedro, on March 14. It starts at 8:00 p.m., and everyone is invited to attend. Cocktails, food, entertainment and male dancers will be the fare of the night. If you like hard bodies, good looking men and women who like wearing leather, social events and the outdoors, come share this experience. For more information, contact Ron Malone at (512) 899-7879.

To all of San Antonio: If you have anything that may need to be mentioned about your club, restaurant, shops, stores and organizations, contact Richard Wright at (512) 222-8558. (Deadline is Sunday night).

Noo Zoo bartenders Billy Miles, Smiley, Tom and Martha are all smiles on V-Day

Love is in the air: Eva and Angie at the Bonham Exchange

Maggie, Nexus door person, with fuzzy friends

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Lawmaker reintroduces bill to ban job discrimination against gays

By KATHLEEN GRUBB

FOR THE NEW VOICE

SACRAMENTO, Wednesday, Feb. 12 (AP)—The author of a vetoed gay-rights bill has introduced new legislation to ban job discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Assemblyman Terry Friedman, D-Sherman Oaks, said the "anti-bigotry measure" would extend to homosexuals the same civil-rights protections provided women, and religious and racial minorities.

"I want the final version of this law to afford no more, no less protection for gay and lesbian Californians than currently exists for women, for African Americans, Hispanics, Jews, Catholics, Buddhists and every other person subject to discrimination," Friedman told a Capitol news conference Tuesday.

"Today, I say to the governor, 'Let's move forward. Let's repair the social and political damage of the veto. Let's do the right thing.'"

Wilson's veto last Sept. 29 of Friedman's AB101 ignited nearly two weeks of angry protests by thousands of gay-rights supporters throughout the state.

Earlier in the year, Wilson said he might sign AB101, which would have prohibited employment discrimination based on sexual orientation.

In his veto message, the Republican governor said he believed the measure would unduly burden employers with a flood of lawsuits. He said he believed state law already protects homosexuals from job discrimination.

However, Friedman said the governor's veto and a subsequent appellate court ruling have resulted in even tougher provisions against job discrimination based on sexual orientation.

In October, a state appeal court held that state labor laws ban employment discrimination against gays and lesbians.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

'Bettison Bash' planned at DiverseWorks to benefit Houston artist

A carnival extravaganza to benefit Houston artist James Bettison is being organized by DiverseWorks with the help of several leading names in the Houston arts community. Among the attractions will be Jim Pirtle's "car smashing," temporary tattoos by Beth Secor, Tarot readings by Trish Herrera, a rare appearance by the Art Guize Ink, Carter Stern's (Ernst) amazing Dawg Tricks, Sarah Irwin's massages, foot portraits by Jan Werner, Joi Ross's game of "Go Fish" and Mary Hayslip's bake sale. Music will be provided by the Kingfishers, Sirens of Soul, the Real and Stu Mulligan. Bettison prints and T— shirts will be available for sale.

The event is underwritten by a number of arts organizations and individuals.

In May, 1991, Bettison's house and studio were destroyed by fire. The artist lost over half of his artwork as well as most of his personal belongings. One month later, Bettison contracted bacterial meningitis and was in a coma for 70 days. In August, he awakened from the coma and began the long road to recovery, according to DiverseWorks spokesperson Michael Peranteau. Bettison recently recovered speech and memory and is learning to walk again.

He is now living at CASA, A Special Hospital, a 24 hour health care facility with an apartment setting. The artists hope to raise $15,000 to help cover medical bills for Bettison, who has no income or insurance, and begin a fund to set up 24-hour care for Bettison in his own apartment.

DiverseWorks, an alternative Houston artspace, was recently honored by the Texas Human Rights Foundation for its efforts in providing exhibition opportunities for gay and lesbian artists, and for supporting community organizations and events. For more information, call (713) 223-8346.

Local gay business owner Marion Coleman (center) and friends were among the "Leather and Lace" party people at this fifth annual edition of Executive and Professional Association of Houston's (EPAH) campy benefit, held last Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Majestic Metro Theatre

—Black history service

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection is presenting a special service celebrating Black History Month on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 7:15 p.m. The combined adult choirs of the Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, under the direction of Juanita Nash, will bring their special talents to the service as part of MCCR's "Spiritual Praise and Celebration Experience (SPACE).

Last year MCCR's congregation celebrated Juneteenth for the first time in its history and now continues its focus on the African American experience featuring the noted choir. The Wheeler Baptist Church is a progressive yet traditional black Baptist church, where the Rev. Bill Lawson has served as pastor for 20 years. The service is open to everyone.

—"Rough Rider" bike ride

On Sunday, Feb. 23 the "Rough Rider" division of Houston's Chain Gang Bicycle Club will meet at 10:00 a.m. in Memorial Park at the parking lot on the southeast side of the rugby field (west of the softball field). Mountain bikes are encouraged for this off-road trek on the park's infamous trails, titled the "Ho Chi Minh Rough Rider Bike Ride.

Anyone may join the ride; there is no charge, and information is available by calling (713) 522-4481.

For a subscription to the Chain Gang Informer and a one year membership, send $5 to Keith Krum, Chain Gang Bicycle Club, 504 Colquitt No. 2, Houston, TX 77006. The Chain Gang also has an Easy Rider division for neighborhood bikers, and a Chainsmoker division for those who like a quicker pace and longer rides. Events are scheduled every week.

—Alethia installation

Alethia Praise and Worship Center—Community Gospel Church, will install Chris Chiles as pastor on Saturday, Feb. 29 at 7:30 p.m. with special gospel music. The celebration will continue Sunday, March 1, at 11:00 a.m. with guest speaker, Barry Wiems, followed by a potluck dinner in the fellowship hall.

The church, located at 501 E. 18th, also recently adopted a new slogan: "The Pentecostal family of Montrose—a church built on love." For more information, call (713) 880-9235.

—Wrestling demonstration

The Houston Wrestling Club, which has been in existence since December, 1989 met on Feb. 1 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. for a demonstration of collegiate style wrestling at the Dallas Lesbian and Gay Center. Beginners as well as experienced wrestlers had a chance to participate. Part of the group met later at one member's apartment for a more private demonstration. The meet drew participants from Austin, Baton Rouge and Oklahoma City.

Members considered the possibility of dropping the present name and expanding with the title of "Texas Wrestling Club," but no official decision was reached. However, order blanks are already being circulated for statewide use and at only $10 per box for four months. The system also lets members discover other wrestling clubs nationwide.

—GLSH training

Gay and Lesbian Switchboard Houston has announced its next volunteer training class, March 20-22 and March 28-29. The Switchboard is an all— volunteer organization, providing business and organization referrals, HIV/AIDS information, phone counseling and crisis intervention. The Switchboard also operates A TDD/TTY line for the hearing impaired.

Interested lesbian and gay people are invited to sign up for volunteer training. The sessions involve 34 hours of exercises and activities to prepare volunteers for phone service. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age and must complete both weekends of training to be eligible.

While all are welcome to apply, GLSH is in particular need of volunteers who are women or people of color, so that their staff may represent the range of experience and diversity of the gay and lesbian community.

Those unable to attend training in March may apply for the next training, to be held in June. To sign up for either class, or for more information, call GLSH at (713) 529-3211, afternoons and evenings every day.

—HeartSong

HeartSong, Houston Women's Community Chorus, is pleased to announce it will have openings for new members during the month of March, beginning March 2. The chorus invites interested women to join them for rehearsals on Monday nights, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the First Unitarian Universalist Church on Fannin and Southmore in the Sanctuary.

On the fifth Monday, March 30, "light" auditions will be held using only the music rehearsed during the previous four rehearsals. Formal voice training is not necessary, only the ability to sing on key. For more information, call (713) 667-2932.

—CODA meetings

Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA) Meetings are being held again every Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett Blvd. Suite 203, Room 13. Call (713) 266-2448 for more information.

▼▼▼ GALVESTON SOAP

Two week '92 Mardi Gras Galveston kicks off this weekend

By ESHCOL RICHARD WRIGHT
The New Voice

Mardi Gras is just around the corner and eating, drinking and being merry will be going on at Galveston Island. Friday, Feb. 21, is the beginning of this two week party, and the streets will be blocked off through M

arch 1. Over a million people are expected at the '92 Galveston Mardi Gras.

An inner circle place to go—it's not too late to get your costume—is Morgan's Studio, 3515 Broadway, Galveston (409) 763-7115. Danny Morgan has been providing costumes for the last 28 years, and has a stock of over 5000 rental costumes. He became interested in costuming as a child, and spent 20 years in New York. he provided costuming for "The Lady in Red," "Cotton club," "Sophie's Choice" and "Endless Love"—just to name a few. Morgan's Studio came to Galveston eight years ago to provide costumes for Mardi Gras. Current productions, besides Mardi Gras include party decorations and costuming for the Italian Renaissance jugglers and street people for the Houston Symphony Ball, and Morgan continues to work with stage and theater costume. You can catch a profile of Morgan's Studio at 9:00 a.m on Feb. 28 on Good Morning Houston, and Danny will also be one of the judges at the Silk Stocking Ball.

Speaking of the Silk Stocking Ball—it will be held Feb. 28 and this year will benefit the AIDS Coalition of Coastal Texas Resource Center and Food Pantry. There will be cocktails and dancing from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. Jerry Atwood and Ricky Comeaux, well known in Houston, will be providing entertainment for the evening. The Silk Stocking Ball will held in the Garten Verein, 27th and Avenue O. Tickets are $25 per person. For ticket information, call (409) 737-3122 in Galveston or (713) 337-5900/

By the way, this year also marks the first time the Silk Stocking Ball has been listed in the official Mardi Gras schedule.

Feb. 29 is the Big Night Parade, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Seawall by the Moody center, and winding down 25th through the Strand area before ending on Tremont at Strand. Also on the final weekend of Mardi Gras Galveston, two bus loads of Houston revelers will converge on the Island from the Ripcord and the BRB.

For those of you who will be making the trip to Galveston by car, please don't drink and drive; you can buy when you get there. Garza Liquor, owned by Jesse Garza of Garza Productions, supplies more than half the liquor for the gay bars in Galveston (for you out-of-towners who don't know this) and is also a popular place to buy the beverages you and your close companion or friend can enjoy while strolling the Strand. Garza No. 1 is located on Hwy. 87 (Boliver) across from the ferry boat and Garza No. 2 is on Hwy. 87 in Gilcrest, Support your Galveston Island businesses...

Evolution DJ, Brian Broussard

CJ dances at the Kon Tiki in Galveston

Evolution, 2214 Mechanic Street, is holding an after the ball party with free admission to all participants of the ball. Evolution is open seven days a week. Attitude Adjustment prices apply from 8:00-10:00 p.m. daily, all day Tuesday. Wednesday is buck night—dollar well and tooters Schnapps, $1.75 frozen 'ritas and bellinis and $1 draft. Thursdays, Attitude Adjustment prices extend until 11:00 p.m. Evolution will have 18 male dancers from Marcy's Lone Star Male Revue, used exclusively on Galveston Island on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 p.m. The upstairs, currently under renovation, will be open Saturday both Mardi Gras weekends, and after hours extend until...? at Evolution.

The Kon Tiki, 315 Tremont, is inviting everyone to "Party Mardi" this weekend. Saturday, feb. 22 is the King Gambrinus "Light Up the Night" parade with twelve floats and ten bands. After the parade and fireworks, partiers can watch Muscles In Action in their "Super Show" at the Kon Tiki Saturday night, starring Brad, Rip, Matt and April.

▼▼▼ AUSTIN SOAP

Valentine's weekend in Austin was great for parties and pictures

By CHRIS LUTHER
TNV Austin

This past Valentines weekend was filled with a whole list of parties and events, both public and private, to share with your sweetheart.

Proving that love is always young at heart was the youth peer group. OutYouth Austin. OYA (pronounced "oh-yah") as it is lovingly referred to by the youth, held a simply wonderful Valentine's dance at their recently opened drop-in center on the Drag. Do you remember faking a date in high school so that you wouldn't be left out for Valentine's and the prom? This was the idea behind the dance, to give teenagers a place to go that celebrated their specialness rather than making them outcasts because of it.

Special guests were the youth from HATCH in Houston. "We are coming up so we can learn from each other," explained HATCH member Calvin. Calvin, with his fashion coordinated hugamuffin Chris were taking a breather on the sidewalk from all the excitement inside. This was their first time to visit the unemployed paradise of the South. "I really love Austin," Calvin said. Upon hearing this, Chris looked up with his big puppy eyes. After a brief pause, Calvin smiled at his partner and slightly nodded his head. A whole conversation passed before me and not a word was spoken.

What is difficult to capture in words I can often capture on film. Pictures have a wonderful way of quickly telling a story. With pictures, one can easily show the incredible diversity and loving nature of our community. While the Fascist Right and Hollywood continue to sell us a distorted view of our reality (self centered, diseased and isolated), a quick scan of the crowd at just about any club on a given weekend will show you otherwise. Pictures, unlike other "sources," never tell a lie. But maybe this is also why my tiny little spy camera tends to make people nervous.

"I never get my picture taken," said Crossing bartender Sean as he dodged my flash. This confused me because he is definitely one of the most photogenic bartenders in town, especially since he stopped getting bargain haircuts.

Also avoiding my lens was Big Mike Sledge and his equally hunky valentine, who we'll refer to as Super K. These two stunningly beautiful bodybuilders easily stood out of the crowded Oil Can's back patio/ Seems the question of being photographed was in essence much larger. It was a question of whether or not to be "out."

The dilemma one faces as a gay society photographer is you are attracted to certain groups of people because of their interaction and energy. But as soon as you tell someone they are being photographed, they become self— aware and less relaxed, and that interaction and energy dies. Yet we don't live in a perfect world.

After a little persuasion, Mike agreed to be photographed, but K. would have nothing to do with it. Clearly he thought his friend was being foolish. Undaunted, Mike held on to Ronnie Mendoza, who had been encouraging both of the men to take the step. Clearly, Ronnie has already been "out" for some time.

In a second it was all over with. "I just came out!" shouted Mike as he sought to recover from the temporary blindness caused by the camera's flash. I asked him if he felt any different, if the photograph was a baptism of sorts. "Oh, I'm cool about it," he reassured me.

Last Sunday, I found a perfectly pleasant crowd over at Nexus enjoying a wonderful show benefiting the Austin chapter of the Texas Gay Rodeo Association. I can't figure out how those cowpeople continue to do it, but they consistently put together the most entertaining events. It could be they just have a clear understanding of the hard work professional entertainment demands. This hard work shows. This particular event featured an eclectic mix of local and regional talent, show emceed by Dallas star (and I rarely use the word "star") Chilli Pepper.

"Chilli has one of the biggest hearts in Texas," commented TGRA organizer Tom Turbeville. "She's just fabulous...one of the biggest hearts...really." Tom didn't need to be so insistent. Although I wasn't able to measure her heart with a conversation after the show, I believe him. She was clearly a pro, working the crowd and successfully gluing acts together, ranging from singing cowboy hairdressers to gospel revival drag queens (yes, the Baptist Women were there). And she had a pair of legs any real girl would die for.

The TGRA, the gay world's equivalent of the Rotary Club, has been quietly gathering and redistributing money to causes all over the state. Last year here in Austin, the local chapter gave close to $10,000 to three AIDS service organizations, the AIDS hospice Project Transitions, the Austin Immune Health Clinic (a non-western alternative treatment center) and the Pediatric AIDS League, an organization serving children with AIDS.

A tip of my ten gallon hat to TGRA. Want to be a cowboy (or girl) but don't know a two step from a trolley? Don't let that hold you back, for I know they'll be glad to show you the ropes. On top of doing a valuable service for our community, the group is positively littered with some of the most beautiful and kindest people you can find in central Texas.

For those who haven't been keeping up with the awesome spectacle of the Olympics this past week, I'll leave you with a tasty little quote. It is from USA Olympiad Gordy Shear, a member of the two man luge team and one of the hunkiest men in a Lycra bodysuit I've seen in a long time. Gordy, a person who goes downhill faster than even MY relationships, told the NBC news team "...for all the bottom men in the world, I just want to say, we're definitely doing a lot more than just lying there!" While he didn't get the gold, he definitely gets my vote for two snaps up, three "Yes, Miss Things" and can of Final Net. While this may not be much consolation perhaps he'll get lucky and Greg Louganis will give him a call. One could hope.

Boogied-out Greg, Jody, Scott, Cameron, Michael and Michael crash on the sofa

Norm and "I never get photographed" Sean were caught at the Crossing

Paula, Al, Jan, Marta and Michelle enjoyed the TGRA show

Woody and Joe unwind at Charlie's

Ronnie and Mike at Oil Can Harry's

Chilli Pepper performed at the TGRA benefit at Nexus

South Texas visitors Daniel and Melvin hold up the fence at Oil Can's

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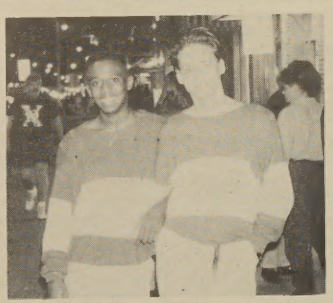

Calvin and Chris of Houston's HATCH visited Austin for the OutYouth Valentine dance

Michael and Tim occupying the back of the house during "Street Theater" at Cap City

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Neighbors to Arlo Guthrie: 'You can't get anything you want'

By JEFF DONN
FOR THE NEW VOICE

GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass., Sunday, Feb. 16 (AP)—Arlo Guthrie's new neighbors are telling the singer who wrote the 1960s anti-war ballad "Alice's Restaurant" that he can't get anything he wants—at least not in this town.

Some accuse him of keeping secret his plans for a spiritual retreat and programs for abused children and AIDS patients. Town selectmen are threatening to revoke his permit to operate inside the former church where Alice Brock, the restaurateur immortalized in the song, used to live.

"I've been called a lot of things in my life," says the folk singer, whose signature song recounts how a littering conviction once made him legally unfit for the military. "Dishonest is not one of them."

The stir broke out shortly before Guthrie left on an eight-week national singing tour during a Jan. 30 ceremony to rededicate the 171-year-old Episcopal church used in recent decades as a private home.

It had all the makings of a day of personal triumph. Dozens of aging hippies, celebrities like actress Maureen Stapleton, clergymen of every stripe, and journalists from far and near joined Guthrie in a nostalgia-soaked and incense-laced party. Brock herself, who now lives in Provincetown, took part in the festivities.

But then a woman Guthrie has embraced as his guru announced the plan to provide some social services inside the building. The woman, who has taken the Indian name Ma Jaya Bhagavati said the new Guthrie Center would be used to advance the work of a mission she already runs in Florida. She said she was dedicated to helping abused children and victims of AIDS and other lethal diseases.

"This is a very small neighborhood," said Peter Baumann, a lifelong town resident who lives nearby. "The neighborhood would have been up in arms if we knew he was going to bring in homeless children and people with AIDS."

Next-door neighbor Kathleen Laraway fumed about "the sneaky, underhanded, back-stabbing way" that Guthrie gained permission to use the building.

The neighbors brought their complaints to town selectmen, who voted last week to cancel Guthrie's variances and permit to operate a professional office in a residential neighborhood if he violates their terms.

Selectman Edward Morehouse said Guthrie, who bought the former church in January for $300,000, was granted permission to operate the offices of his record company there. Guthrie also said he would set up an archives for his music and other papers, as well as those of his late father, folk singer Woody Guthrie.

But Guthrie said nothing explicit at the time—by his own admission—about the other projects.

"I'm not totally sure he completely means everything he says because, in the past, he has not said everything he meant," Morehouse declared.

He and many residents had supported Guthrie's initial proposals, hoping he would keep up the building and enhance the neighborhood. Now, their ill will threatens to give Guthrie, 44, a black eye in a region where he is widely and fondly known as "Arlo," even by people who have never met him.

The musician moved to western Massachusetts after his father died in 1967 and now lives in the town of Washington, where he kept his music offices until he moved them to the church building in nearby Great Barrington a few weeks ago.

His personal attachment to the converted church, where part of the movie "Alice's Restaurant" was filmed, was obvious during a visit last week. A portrait of his father, guitar in hand, sits on the floor. An anti-littering sign stands against a wall.

The singer's staff says it's the very sign from the site of his arrest by Stockbridge police Chief William J. Obanhein, known locally as Officer Obie, recalled in the satirical song and movie. The arrest created a taint on Guthrie's record that he later used to avoid the draft by refusing to declare he had reformed himself. Arlo and Officer Obie later became friends, and the retired policeman attended the rededication party at the former church.

The dumped garbage came from Alice's house at the church—one more reason why Guthrie feels strongly about the building. Faced with the neighbors' complaints, he has strongly denied any deception and tried to calm public worries.

He says he initially made plain his intention to carry out charitable functions at the building, but the precise activities were only decided after the public meetings.

"We did not have an agenda of programs before the permits were issued," Guthrie said.

In an open letter to selectmen, Guthrie said he was "sensitive to the neighbors' requirement that the use of the church not derogate from the tenor of the neighborhood." He also suggested that his guru's "enthusiasm and fervor ... went far beyond the limitations to which the property is subject."

But in last week's phone interview, Guthrie said he still intends to bring in victims of AIDS and other needy people for daytime programs.

"We're in a global epidemic," he said. "To provide services, not just for those who are sick, but to help provide information to people so they won't get sick, is very important to me."

He said the programs would include an ecumenical "spiritual dimension" that government agencies cannot provide.

Town officials say they want to talk to the musician about all the issues when he returns from his national tour.

Meanwhile, they say they'll keep close watch on the property to make sure Guthrie pays closer attention to local ordinances than he did to the litter law a quarter century ago.

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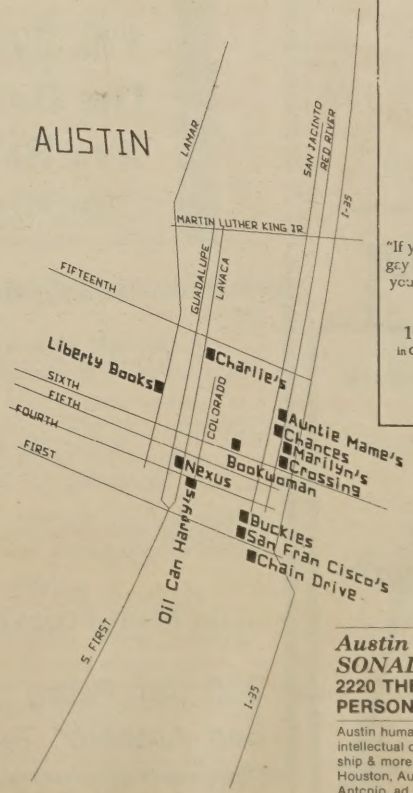

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●AUSTIN, MONDAY, FEB. 24
C&W dance lessons 9pm, San Fran Ciscos's
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●AUSTIN, TUESDAY, FEB. 25
Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's
$1 well, Auntie Mame's
Pool tourney 9pm, Nexus

●AUSTIN, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26
Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's
C&W dance lessons 7:30pm, Nexus
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●AUSTIN, THURSDAY, FEB. 26
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Steak night 7-9pm, Nexus

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Grand opening party, champagne & buffet, G.B.R.'s

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After-hours Paper Moon, Wild Club, Bonham Exchange

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Adults no cover to 10pm, $1.25 drinks 8-11pm, after-hours, Bonham Exchange

Gong with the Wind Gong Show, Hardhat

$2 drinks, Memories

Male dancer 10:30pm, Nite Owl

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50¢ draft, pool tourney 8pm, Nexus

Cowboys in Action, 50¢ draft, Silver Dollar

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●SAN ANTONIO, MONDAY, FEB. 24

Lone Star Male Review, Hardhat

No cover for adults, Wild Club

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●SAN ANTONIO, TUESDAY, FEB. 25

Male dancers, Hardhat

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Male dancer 9pm, Nite Owl

Amateur male strip, 50¢ draft, Wild Club

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●SAN ANTONIO, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

50¢ draft, country night, Nexus

Strip dancers 11pm, Wild Club

Muscles in Action, Paper Moon

Cowboys in Action, 25¢ draft, $1.50 well, Silver Dollar

Hot oil wrestling with Victoria West MC, 75¢ draft, $2 frozen margaritas, Wild Club

Open pool tourney 8pm, Nite Owl

50¢ well, talent night 10:45pm, Noo Zoo

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Hot chest contest, 50¢ well & draft (cover charge), Bonham Exchange

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●SAN ANTONIO, THURSDAY, FEB. 27

Steak night 7pm, Nexus

Tandi's Talent Search finals Feb. 27, Wild Club

25¢ draft, Silver Dollar

Adults no cover to midnight, amateur male strip contest midnight, 25¢ draft, boxer shorts theme, Bonham Exchange

Sassy St. James host strippers 9:30pm, Memories

$1 well & longnecks, show 11:45pm, Noo Zoo

River City Pool League 8pm, Nite Owl

Hot oil wrestling, Hardhat

Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

●SAN ANTONIO, FRIDAY, FEB. 28

Male strippers with MC Sassy St. James, 75¢ draft, $2 frozen kamis, Wild Club

10¢ well & draft 8-10, strip show midnight, after-hours, Noo Zoo

Men & munchies 8pm, Nite Owl

All drinks $2, Memories

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Piano Four Hand Recital, sponsored by the San Antonio AIDS Foundation, will be held March 29 at 3:00 p.m. at the Carver Community Cultural Center, 226 N. Hackberry. performers are the husband-wife duo of Nicole Aurette Narboni, doctoral candidate at Peabody Conservatory, and Mark Kennerly Clinton, pianist in residence at the Aspen Institute. These compositions by Mozart, Debussy, Brahms, Schubert, Faure and Mendelssohn are specially written to be performed by two people on one piano keyboard.

Ticket prices are $50 for preferred seating, which includes a post recital reception; $12 general admission, and $5 for students and seniors. Tickets will be available at the San Antonio AIDS Foundation, 818 E. Grayson Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; at Rainbow ticket masters locations or at the door.

This is the foundation's first attempt at staging a classical music event as a fundraiser. For more information, call Byron C. Trott, (512) 225— 4715, ext. 118.

—UTSA AIDS Awareness Week

UTSA AIDS Awareness Week will be observed Feb. 24-28 at the University of Texas San Antonio. This year's slogan is "Ignorance is High Risk." The San Antonio AIDS Foundation will have a booth open daily on campus.

Scheduled events include free, anonymous testing for students, staff and faculty on Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Student Health Center. Part of the NAMES Project will be at the University Center all week.

The opening reception will be held on Monday at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center, and a student art exhibit titled "Close to Home" will be held in conjunction with the reception. An Arts of Life show will be continuing all week with art, entertainment and music. On Tuesday at 3:00 p.m., in the Pecan Room of the center, a panel discussion on "The Gay Community's response to AIDS will be held." On Wednesday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Multi Disciplinary Building, there will be a panel discussion on Minority AIDS Issues.

On Thursday at 2:00 p.m., a presentation on "AIDS In the Health Professions" will be held in the Humanities Building, and a forum is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. in the University Center Laurel Room on "AIDS and Campus Life," sponsored by Sigma Phi Epsilon.

The schedule of events concludes with a tree planting and ribbon ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, near central plaza on the USTA campus. For more information, call Lionel Cantu at (512) 691-4160.

—Disability advisory meeting

The City of San Antonio Disability Access Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, Feb. 24 at 5:30 p.m. on the lower level of City Hall. A person with AIDS will be speaking on "AIDS as a Disability" and "The Americans With Disabilities Act and How It Affects Those With AIDS."

—Project Quilt

Project Quilt is offering assistance to family members, loved ones and friends of PWA's who wish to create panels for the NAMES Project's AIDS Memorial Quilt. This year's "Quilt Workshop" is located at 231 Post Street, south of Mulberry off Broadway. New panels made here may be displayed during "An Event In three Acts" May 9-10 at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention center in San Antonio. For more information, contact NAMES Project—San Antonio, 818 E. Grayson, San Antonio, TX 78208, phone (512) 226-9829; Jose Castaneda, chair, (512) 225-4715, ext. 110; or Bill Bearden, co-chair, (512) 225-4715, ext. 309.

▼ ▼ ▼ HOUSTON SOAP PART ONE

V-Day at Pacific Street; Rodeo sweethearts at Mary's; 'Variety' at BRB

By TAD NELSON

TNV Houston

Hello, Houston!

If you missed the Valentine's party at Pacific Street, you and your sweetie will have to wait for another promotion for two for one cover charge, but you will never have to wait for those low priced drinks, because they are part of the nightly fare Friday through Wednesday.

It was a wonderful event with many happy faces, not to mention dancing feet. Spied in the crowd, dressed as a floating cupid with balloons tied about him, was a burly man from Scotland, Stuart. Other smiley faces included Brad and Roy, saluting their past loved ones during the big free champagne salute to Lovers Past, Present and Future and those far away; and Gary Lee, with friends Barry and Chris. Jimmy Stephens was with his Reggie and feeling great after his trip to Los Angeles.

Saturday night, after the big Leather and Lace party. participants flocked to Pacific Street to join the men who dance and show off all their finery. Gary, blonde and tanned, wore his white harness and accessories with white boots. National Leather Association president Dean stood tall in black leather and of course, he danced. Leather and Lace's Mr. Leather, everyone's heart throb, Armound, appeared long enough to break many hearts and then left with someone very special. But the men kept dancing and Venus kept spinning her spell of magic.

Watch for the announcements for all the Mardi Gras parties, costumed balls and contests. Pacific Street plans to be a center for entertainment on Fat Tuesday. Then for the next few days, enjoy all the out-of-towners coming to the annual Let us Entertain You Weekend. Pacific Street will be hosting the finale, which we hear will be in close proximity to the Loading Dock party in January. DJ Victor Toledo will be working his music and the magic of Venus. Anyway, make your plans to come by 710 Pacific Street, and check to make certain you're on the special invitation mailing list for unannounced events...

Dick and Rick—you figure it out!

There was quite a crowd at Mary's for the Go Texas (Texan) Day celebration and Rodeo Sweethearts contest. Mr. Rodeo Sweetheart went to Gary Munson of the Texas Riders and Miss went to Christian Contreur, a local celeb seen just about everywhere lately. Congratulations to the winners and to Mary's for another successful event! What's this, by the way, about a new club at Mary's called Tweaked 'N Twisted? Who qualifies and what are the results.

Speaking of twisted, we wish to bid farewell to Robin McElhaney who recently resigned from Mary's to move to Tacoma, Washington. Good luck and so long!

The not so infamous Club 86, who also recently left Mary's, are "temporarily" hanging their colors at the Venture-N, but be prepared to check in next week for their most recent location. After all, they're Club 86 and They're Outta Here!

At BRB, Clay Harper and Charles Dodgen, with daughter Kathy and her boyfriend, Tim, sell carnations for Gay Fathers/Fathers First

Members of the newly formed Club 86ed

Tyler, David, Troy and Rip were in Heaven's mini fashion show

Carrie of Gallery Novelties gives Brian a tattoo at the Ripcord Valentine's Night

Marsha Carlton, Theresa Mauney and the gang celebrate Valentine's at Missouri Street

Miss Yoda, to you, at the VN

This weekend, at BRB on Sunday is a "Variety Pack" show benefiting Colt 45's General charities, presented by Michael Romero, a candidate for Mr. TGRA '93. Tickets are also still available for the Colts' trip to Galveston Mardi Gras. see the bartender on duty in the Side Pocket or one of the Colt 45 members. At 8:30 Sunday night it's Little Bit of Texas for your listening and dancing pleasure.

If you're out at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, I'm sure the BRB would appreciate you directing any cute cowboys to Brazos Street!

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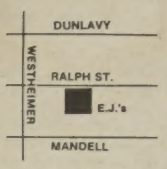

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▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

Councilmembers Clarkson, Taylor have verbal battle over Carnival ordinance

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

City Council met Thursday, Feb. 13 in an irregular meeting that almost reconsidered the "Carnival Compromise" which had passed before. Council member Jackie Clarkson, who represents Algeres, across the river, the Vieux Carre and a few wards into Bywater and Treme, tried to put her stamp on the ordinance designed to put Carnival beyond the reach of punishment.

A similar attempt by Clarkson was thwarted at the previous week's meeting when member Johnny Jackson, angered over not being allowed to switch his vote on the Carnival Compromise to no, walked out. Now, because Peggy Wilson had flown away to Washington, D.C. for the three day Mardi Gras extravaganza and Joe Giarusso was in Hotel Due, the meeting was without a quorum and adjourned.

That left Clarkson without the honor of her particular view gracing the ordinance that says Carnival krewes and private clubs in New Orleans must not discriminate, but if they do the punishment will be nearly nothing. The lead sponsor's name on the ordinance is Lambert Bossiere.

Wilson and Clarkson are well-joined allies, having fought by themselves the losing battle to block the so-called Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights Ordinance. The rest of the council voted in favor of it and it passed 5-2.

At the meeting, when Clarkson attempted to get the compromise re— considered, Council Chair Dorothy Mae Taylor would not let her. Taylor, who had introduced the ordinance the compromise was designed to de-fang, said the compromise ordinance had been passed, signed by the mayor and was now over and done with.

Clarkson said not letting her alter last week's ordinance while letting Jackson alter his vote on the ordinance was "insanity." Taylor then popped back: "There wasn't any insanity on this council until you got here!"

It is reasonable to conclude big time battle lines have been drawn. Peggy Wilson and Jackie Clarkson, both white, are odd members out and seen as fairly ineffective members of the present council.

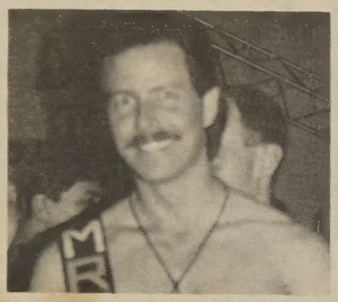
Wilson and Clarkson also championed a resolution that was put before the voters and passed, limiting council members' terms. No one will be allowed to run for re-election to council when present terms expire except Clarkson.

But Clarkson's chances for reelection are also not clear. Her District-C is being redrawn and will include more of black Treme,' and her opposition to the civil rights ordinance has already alienated her large gay/lesbian constituency. It remains to be seen whether her "Ozzie and Harriet" Westbank supporters can keep her in office, pundits say.

▼ ▼ ▼ HOUSTON SOAP PART TWO

Loretta Lick on Thursday and Rainbo and his boys on Friday are at EJ's

The Valentine Fairy, John, at Venture-N



Armound, seen here at Pacific Street, was Mr. leather at EPAH's Leather and Lace party

Texas Riders had a fun time at the Corpus Christi MC run a couple of weeks ago. Beauties by the beach?

By TAD NELSON
TNV Houston

Hello, Houston! Again.

Loretta Lick is becoming quite the rage at E/J's lately and tonight along with Trixie Truxtop and their generous hosts Brittany Paige and "Christian" she'll be entertaining you again. Now if that doesn't sound like women's tag team wrestling or a bad Bob Waters flick, I don't know what does. Actually, it should be a hilarious night of comedy and fun.

For a steamy night at E/J's, try Rainbo's Boys. Rainbo has some interesting dancers and even has a special guest this Friday night, Sebastian direct from Mickey's of L.A.

Hey Womyn! There's a new bar in town called the (oops, pardon me) "da Bronx," and according to owner Ruby Matthews, who I guarantee is enough reason for a visit herself, it's a 7000 square foot dance, party, show, pool, dart and graffiti bar. Yes, you artists out there heard me right. there are lots of blank walls and "da Bronx" will furnish the paint for your art. Closed on Mondays., this BYOB bar has beer, wine, and setups and great weekly specials. Check out their apple-shaped ad in the Barzaar section or call "da Bronx" for more details and directions). According to Ruby, she's looking for a very mixed crowd, but you better be fun.

I know this is really advanced warning, but I know what procrastinators we can be. But, if you a crazy wacko weekend get-away, try the Adventure-N Tuscon weekend, March 20 through 23. David and Jim are getting a Houston group together to visit Arizona's hottest new bar, the Venture-N, Tuscon of course. Sign up sheets are available at the Venture-N or at Mary's, Naturally! But sign up by Friday, Feb. 21 so all the necessary reservations can be made. Credit cards are acceptable.

For you MCA followers and devotees, the 20 new associates of Miss Camp America met in a closed door session last weekend to delve into the history of MCA as an organization, and to learn the element's of the group's endeavors which set it apart from other benevolent organizations.

Later the same Sunday, the more resilient members of the group joined Alan York, Lauren Brach, Randy Grayson, Kenny Harmon and Michael Stephens at Cafe Adobe where they could be seen knoshing on Mexican bagels into the late afternoon.

Now rumor has it that the new associates were, in fact, huddled around sewing machines and pattern books as they prepare for Miss Camp's first ever debutante ball, "Exposing the South," to be held at Rich's in late March. It was no wonder, then, that they could be seen much later at J.R.'s, checking out the bead work on Naomi's gown.

While speaking of J.R.'s, Union Jack once again takes to the stage with their Mardi Gras fashion show featuring "krewes"-wear, of course, and emceed by Beverley Hill's own Rick East. That's this Sunday at 8:00 p.m.

Over at the Mining Company, on Wednesday night the hair, hunky men "Beared" all for us again and husbands were everywhere to watch—including my mown, there to keep an eye out, lest I get carried away. Look for the photo of the winners in next week's Soap. The Men of the Mine also strip for you on Friday nights, and this Saturday is the Torn Levi Party. So tear a pair and be there...

I don't know about y'all but this guy is sure glad we didn't have to build another Ark for the last 40 day and 40 night rain storm. But if a wise looking bearded man in robes floats a large square boat with lots of animals by my place, I'm climbing in if he asks!

Bye for now!

Frank Parsley has a new art show at the VN of mardi gras "rear views"

Roy dons a mask to boogie with Brad last Saturday at Pacific Street

Meet Ruby Matthews, owner of "da Bronx"

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Cub Scouts win merit badges for challenging the group's gay ban

BERKELEY, Calif., Monday, Feb. 17 (AP)—Members of a Cub Scout den earned citizenship badges by challenging the Boy Scouts of America ban on homosexuals and atheists.

"Cub Scouts is supposed to be for everyone," said Max Wentler, a member of Webelos Den 1.

The Cub Scouts sent a petition to scouting headquarters in Irving, Texas, asking leaders to overturn the ban. They also wrote to two agnostic Southern California boys banned from the Cub Scouts and to a gay former Eagle Scout from Berkeley who is suing the Boy Scouts for rejecting his scoutmaster application.

The boys' den leaders awarded them citizenship badges for their efforts last week.

Two weeks ago, a Boy Scout troop in San Jose was threatened with loss of its charter after proclaiming it will accept gay members. The Berkeley Cub Scouts aren't going that far.

"We like Cubs too much to want to leave it, but when something's wrong you have to take some sort of action," den member Daniel Greenman said.

Boy Scouts of America spokesperson Blake Lewis said the organization's executives had not received the petition and had no comment.

The director of the Mount Diablo Scouting Council, which oversees Den 1, said the council would take no action against the boys.

"It's pretty obvious to me that it was some adult who had a personal belief about this and unfortunately chose the kids to carry out their message," Quentin Alexander said. "They're being very Berkeley about this."

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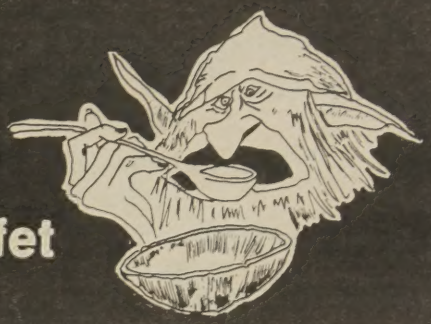

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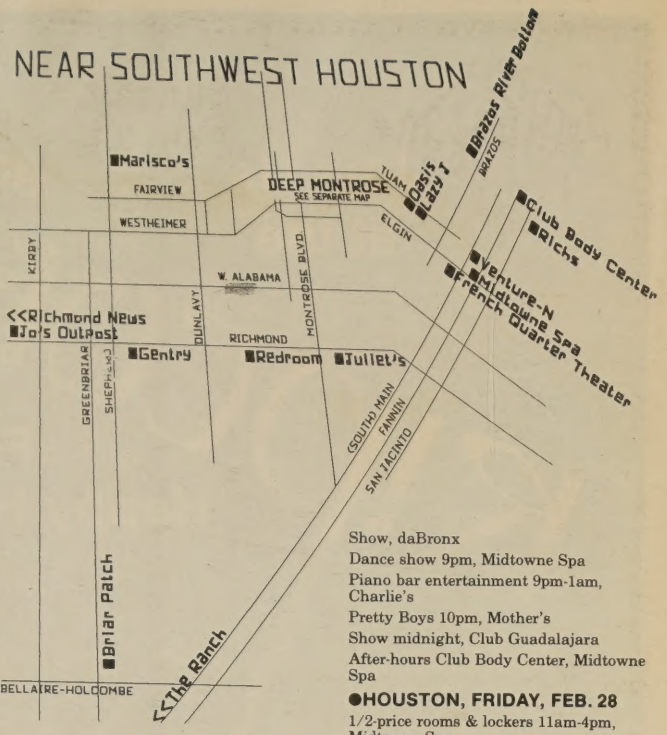

THE NEW VOICE
Your Good Fortune
Friday, Feb. 21 thru Thursday, Feb. 27, 1992

Aries: Is the game no longer fun? Well, change the rules. Life is an adventure to be enjoyed. Be responsible and considerate of others, of course, as you must live again tomorrow.

Taurus: Someone really needs you now. They are at the depths of their love. You can extend the hand to bring them to a more moderate level. To a place where they can function socially.

Gemini: Shopping tomorrow? Don't buy more than you need. It will not be a day to splurge, or even stock up. Save that for another day. Pass up the large quantities. Take just enough.

Cancer: You're just one earthy kind of guy. Your mother once said that, did you know? Earthy is good. It's common sense reality. You have it. You show it.

Leo: Avoid needless payments. Instead, plan ways to make money. Put it in an outline. Then start with the first item. Make use of all of your talents and it will work.

Virgo: You're speeding right down the highway of life as you thought you should. Oh, there were a few speed bumps a half mile back. And there are some curves ahead. But it's all pretty much going according to the road map in your mind.

Libra: Hey, you enjoy being on top? That makes for a good world, as many others enjoy the bottom. Later, you'll take a walk on the wild side. But always, be sensitive to needs and feelings of all.

Scorpio: Be a god. Stand on the mountain top and wave your hands. Feel better? Now, come down with us and play in the dirt. Here's the real world. The one you enjoy most. Together with friends.

Sagittarius: Gambling? The lottery? A day at the races? Oh go ahead. But don't take more than half a day's pay. See what it can bring. Maybe nothing. But maybe ...

Capricorn: A scheme presented by a co-worker could have unforeseen complications? Consider all aspects of it. Don't rule it out completely. But examine it from every possible angle.

Aquarius: Your mind is filled with thoughts of the future. You mind is also filled with thoughts of sex, love and romance. Well, be generous with your thoughts. Kept secret they'll just disappear. But spread among others, well ... today's generosity is tomorrow's dividend.

Pisces: Be a peace maker. There's someone near who needs you as a referee. Take a stand for a compromise. This one move will be very important.

The New Voice recommends in Houston ...

(Listings are furnished by the clubs and are subject to change)

●HOUSTON, FRIDAY, FEB. 21

$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's

1/2-price rooms & lockers 11am-4pm, Midtowne Spa

Buffet 4-8pm, BRB

Beer bash 4pm-2am, Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.

Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Ripcord

Soiree Aubergine 6-11pm, Gentry

Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm, male dancers 10pm-2am, Gentry

No cover 7-9pm, 75¢ well, Pacific Street dance bar

"Taggots" upstairs 9pm, Venture-N

Deadline to sign up for "Adventure-N Tucson" Mar. 20-23, Venture-N

Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's

Male dancers 8pm, Montrose Mining Co.

21st Annual Miss Gay Houston Pageant, Rich's

Happy hour to 10pm, Mother's

Show midnight, Club Guadalajara

Rainbo de Klown's All Male Review 11pm, E/J's

After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

●HOUSTON, SATURDAY, FEB. 22

Mug club 9am-noon, E/J's

Beer bust 1-6pm, Mary's

BBQ 3pm, Midtowne Spa

Well drinks $1.25 4-7pm, Mug Club 4-10pm, E/J's

Beer bash 4pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.

Cash pool tourney 5pm, Venture-N

75¢ vodka 6-11pm, Mother's

9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time

Fete du Roux gumbo contest 3-6pm, Creme de la Creme show 9pm, Gentry

Torn Levi party, Montrose Mining Co.

Movies 9pm, Midtowne Spa

Caged Heat/Men Behind Bars strippers, Pacific Street

Maude's Madcap Mayhem talent showcase 10pm, Gentry

Saturday Super Show 11pm E/J's

Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's

After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

●HOUSTON, SUNDAY, FEB. 23

$1.50 vodka noon-8pm, Mother's

$3.00 pitchers, $1 mugs all day, E/J's

Leather day and beer bust on patio 1-6pm, steak night 5pm, Mary's

BBQ 3pm, Midtowne Spa

Beer bust noon-11pm, Montrose Mine

Food & blue light specials from 5pm, Venture-N

$1 schnapps 4-8pm, pool tourney 6pm, Juliet's Place

Steak-n-tater 5pm, Gentry

No cover 5-7pm, Pacific Street dance bar

Steak night 5-9pm, blue light specials 6-11pm, BRB

$1 beer, 50¢ draft, daBronx

Mike Romero TGRA benefit 6-8pm, Little Bit of Texas band 8:30pm, BRB

$3.00 pitchers, $1 mugs all night, E/J's

Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's

Show midnight, Club Guadalajara

Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's

After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

●HOUSTON, MONDAY, FEB. 24

75¢ mug beer 7am-2am, Mother's

Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's

Cricket dart tournament 7pm, Venture-N

"Boys Night Out" 9pm, Pacific Street dance bar

Happy hour all day, all night, BRB

Lockers 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Body Center

Male strip contest 10:30pm, Gentry

Half price admission with Stone Soup donation, Midtowne Spa

After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

●HOUSTON, TUESDAY, FEB. 25

Half price lockers for 6-mo. members 10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa

Lockers & rooms 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Body Center

$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.

Burgers noon-3pm, Mary's

Pizza Party 6:30pm, Gentry

Strip contest with Dyan Michaels 10pm, Mother's

Chili night & $1.50 beer, Juliet's Place

Dart & pool tourneys, daBronx

Young executive night, Pacific Street

C&W dance lessons 10pm, BRB

Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.

Talent contest 10:30pm, E/J's

●HOUSTON, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

Happy hour 7am-2am, Ripcord

Half price lockers for 6-mo. members 10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa

$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's

"The Bear Club for Men," Montrose Mining Co.

Dance show 9pm, Midtowne Spa

Wet Jockeys Contest 10pm, Gentry

White Hot Wednesday, Pacific Street

We Three show 10:30pm, Mother's

1/2 price night, daBronx

Steak night 6pm, Lee Chardon & the Uptown Boys 10:30pm, E/J's

Slop shot pool tourney 7pm, Learn to Clog 7pm, BRB

Bare Chest Night, Venture-N

After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

●HOUSTON, THURSDAY, FEB. 27

$1 shots 7am-2am, Mother's

Half price lockers for 6-mo. members 10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa

Burgers & BBQ noon-3pm, Mary's

Room & locker specials noon-midnight, Club Body Center

$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.

50¢ burgers 6-9pm, beginners dance lessons 7:30pm, advanced dance lessons9pm, $1.50 longnecks all night, BRB

$1 vodka, dart tournament, Juliet's Place

Brittany Paige & Co. 10:30pm, E/J's

Dart tourney 8pm, Past Time

Video classic 9pm, Gentry

Show, daBronx

Dance show 9pm, Midtowne Spa

Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's

Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's

Show midnight, Club Guadalajara

After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

●HOUSTON, FRIDAY, FEB. 28

1/2-price rooms & lockers 11am-4pm, Midtowne Spa

Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's

Buffet 4-8pm, BRB

$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.

Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Ripcord

Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm, male dancers 10pm-2am, Gentry

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Movie and pizza night 7pm, Midtowne Spa

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●LATER

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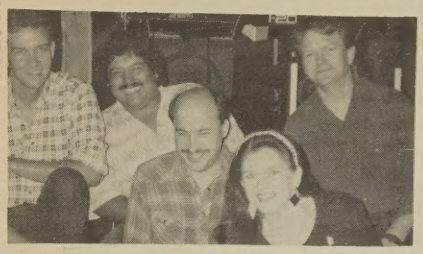

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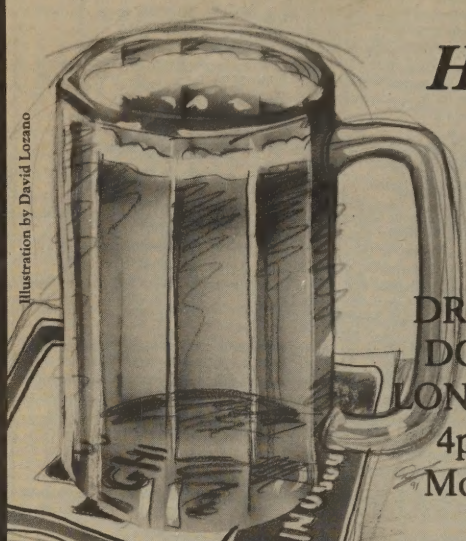

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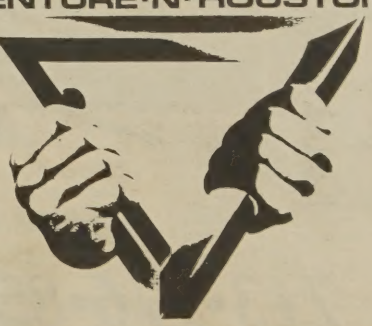

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COLLEGE STUDENT SEEKS FRIEND
GWM, 21, 6', 170, my interests are movies, out-of-doors, current events, C&W, top 40 & classical music. I am drug free & non-smoker, seeking sensitive, intelligent, individual for friendship & possible relationship. Would like to find someone to share new experiences with. Also interested in finding someone to begin working out with. Ad 25312.

COME ON!
There has to be a G.F. between 35-55 who is educated, attractive, emotionally mature, honest, comfortable with her sexuality, caring & has a good sense of humor & ready to find her lifemate. I'm 45 & have all the above qualities. I'm a smoker, if that bothers you, read on. ad 25315

CONSTRUCTION GOOD OL' BOY TYPE
Needed by GWM, 36, 5'11, 165, br/ gr. I prefer GWM/ GHM, humpy, hairy (a plus) beer belly type. A real macho man who's not afraid to show his tender side. If you're over 38 & looking for more than a casual relationship, let's talk. Looks not important. Ad 25348

CUTE ROMANTIC SOFT BUTCH
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GWM, 37, 5'9, healthy HIV pos., slim, attractive, masculine, educated, traveled, sober professional, still a touch wild, sexually versatile, adventurous, leather oriented. Love outdoors, cultural pursuits, new experiences. Seeking GWM, 30's with similar qualities, also capable of passion, intimacy & affection, mature, stable & looking for a meaningful relationship. Ad 25960

FRENCH SERVICE
GWM 18-40, if you like to sit back & watch movies while being serviced, this is the ad to respond to. Looking for men who are quiet & enjoy slow, long, sensual evenings. No reciprocation needed. I'm 150, 40, 6', average looking & hairy chested. Ad 25241

FRIENDSHIP/ RELATIONSHIP
Attractive GBM, bottom, 28,6', 175, seeks GM, 30 & older for friendship or possible relationship. Interests include: Movies, reading, cooking & good conversation. Come on, let's share life together. ad #25331

GHM, 32, 5'6, 125#, SELF- MOTIVATED PROFESSIONAL
brn hair/ eyes, smooth, athletic, cute, boyish looks, masculine, intelligent, witty & upbeat just fun to be around. I enjoy working out, swimming, tennis, bicycling, the fine arts & specifically traveling. Seeking GWM, 25-40, masculine, slim/ muscular build, intelligent with good sense of humor & superb human quality for monogamous relationship. Ad 25360

GHM, 6', MEDIUM BUILD
Br/Br prof. romantic at heart with many interests, seeking GM 20-35 for a special friendship or possible relationship. You should be sincere, honest, humorous & with direction in life. Communication is number 1 priority. Let's get together & see what happens. Ad 25971

GM - 35 SENSITIVE & CARING
Easy going, cuddly, humorous, playful. Tired of bars, attitudes, lies & sleeping alone. Seeking GWM 25-35 to enjoy life with. Must be employed, stable & nonsmoker. (Light drinking ok). Ultimate goal is a long lasting intimate relationship for the enjoyment of life, self & others.ad #25341

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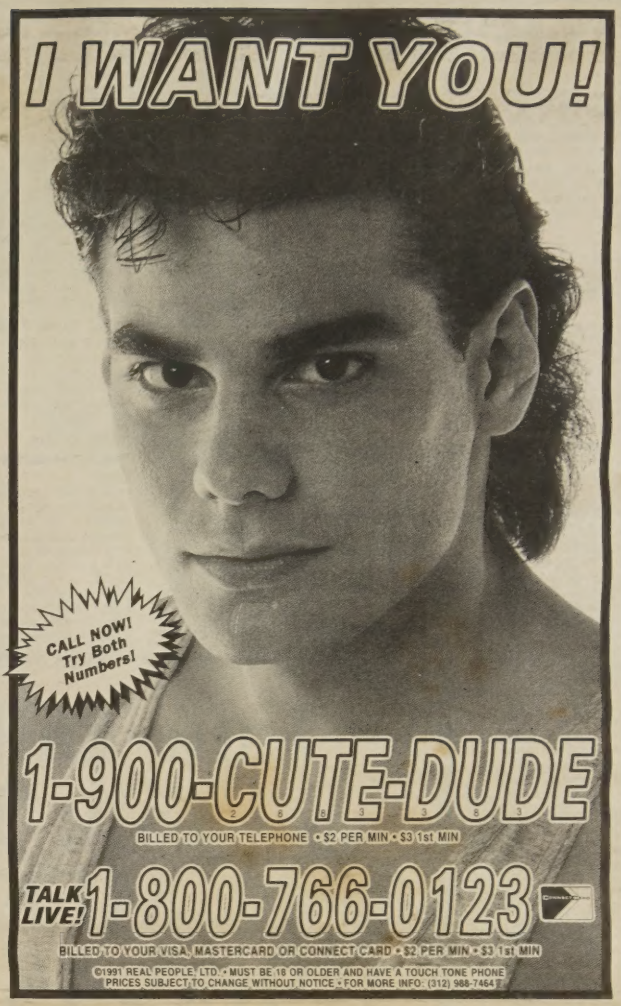
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GET REAL
Me: 6'1 Blk/ Brown 250 lbs of Teddy Bear!, Semi-Hairy, 33 yrs old with black beard. My friends say I am nice looking. I do smoke, I do drink, I do go to the bars & I'm HIV+. I don't want to make love on the beach, have quiet times with someone special at home or go to movies. I want, You: 30-55yr old GWM or GHM who likes to be pleased in every way you can think of. Let's Party & have some fun & get real! Ad 25297

GOODLOOKING GWM
Seeks intelligent & attractive men under 40 for good times, friendship & possible relationship. I'm a college teacher, 53, 6'4, 195, green eyes, dark thinning hair with trimmed beard. Ad 25334

GWF IN ALIEF
28, 5'3, br/ br med. build. I am seriously looking for friends to go out with & someone who can teach me to C&W dance. I prefer people who are down to earth, funny, sincere & honest. Friendship first, romance later. I like to travel so if you're from somewhere outside of Houston, lets hear from you too!. I like movies, dancing & sharing special time. ad. 25327

GWF
33, 5'5, 115lbs. Professional, quiet, down to earth, fun-loving. I enjoy music, movies, dining out, working out, cycling, camping. Seeking GWF's 25-40, for friendships. Qualities: Attractive, responsible, honest, sense of humor. Hoping for more than friendship - with the right person. Ad 25325

GWF, 35
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Looking for that special someone. Must be drug free. I am responsible, good listener, with a lot of love to give. Interests are astrology, numerology & most new age subjects. Enjoy watching pro sports, movies & dining out. Looking for someone to depend on? Ad 25984

GWM SEEKING GHM
Me: 26, 6', br/ green, stocky build. I enjoy working, eating, laughing for no reason & cuddling up with a nice pair of fruit-of-the-looms!. Looking for GHM 20-35 with traditional values, but also able to drive the loop in their underwear, butch at heart, a plus!. ad 25321

GWM, 31, 6'
180, B/BR, hairy chest, nice looking, seeks GWM, GHM boy-next-door type, 21-30, slim, smooth, stable & cute. I have varied interests & enjoy life. Need a special person to share it with. Need someone open, honest & not into games. ad 25314.

GWM, 32, 6'5, 285
mostly bottom, but can be versatile. Enjoy camping, canoeing, politics, movies, theater. Non-smoker, occasional glass of wine. Know what & who I am - hope you do too. Looking for friendship/ companionship - worry about the rest later. If this sounds interesting, let's have lunch/ dinner & see where things go. Ad 25919

GWM, 36
185, brown (salt & pepper) hair, brown eyes, mustache, med built. Fun-loving romantic who enjoys dancing (c/w to disco), all music, jogging, parks, movies, cooking & cuddling in front of TV. An aggressive bottom partial to Hispanics but won't overlook anyone. Will discuss anything from dating to mating. Let's see what happens. Ad 25136

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GWM, 40, 5'9, 145, br/ br
slim but very firm. Big moustache, big heart, responsible, sincere, stable. I enjoy music, anything from country to disco, also enjoy movies, opera, theater, the outdoors & quiet evenings at home.
Looking for someone who is in good shape, 35-45 years old, good sense of humor. Ad 25956

HAIRY CHESTED, MOUSTACHED GW MEN WANTED
Let's be friends first, then ???. GWM, 36, 190, 6', brn/ grn, seeks masculine GWM, tall, 30-40, non-smokers with hairy chests/moustaches for fun/quiet times. Mature, well-built, stable, professional, gym bodies, no mind games, big pluses. Ad 25238

HANDSOME GWM PROFESSIONAL:
42/ 5'11/ 170 lbs/ salt & pepper hair/ blue eyes/ degree/ professional/ masculine. Interests: travel, working out, collecting antiques, writing, self-improvement, dining out. Good Listener. Great conversationalist! Seeking significant relationship with good-looking GM of similar or intriguing qualities. Could this be.THE one for you? Let's get together & find out! Ad 25237

HELLO HOUSTON
I am a virile athletic 5'8, 180, brn/brn GWM who seeks that something special with someone special. I enjoy all that real life has to offer with many interests. Though incarcerated for now, my mind & soul are free. Are you that special someone? Pick up a pen & let's get to know each other. Ad 25938.

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LOOKING FOR GWF-F 40-50 YEARS,
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LOOKING FOR GWM
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MARRIED MEN
Spend quality time day or night w/ semi-retired GWM in Houston.Ad 25328

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Friendly nice looking GWM, 32, 5'9 170, Br/ Br, moustache, hairy chest, non-smoker, HIV-, Seeking relationship oriented GWM, 26-36, med-build who enjoys movies, dining out & good conversation. Friendship or romance could result. Ad 25326

PROFESSIONAL MAN
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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

State high court refuses to hear appeal in lesbian guardianship

By GENE LAHAMMER
FOR THE NEW VOICE

ST. PAUL, Thursday, Feb. 13 (AP)—A seven-year legal battle by a lesbian seeking guardianship of her brain-damaged partner may finally be over.

The Minnesota Supreme Court has refused to hear an appeal of the decision that granted guardianship of Sharon Kowalski to Karen Thompson.

"This is the final appeal possible, so it's all over," M. Sue Wilson, an attorney for Thompson, said Wednesday. "It's absolutely wonderful news that Karen and Sharon can get on with their lives without any interference by anyone else."

"Certainly I am relieved that it seems to be over and we can get on with our lives. And hopefully we can start healing," Thompson said. "It would have been better news if they had not appealed at all."

In an order dated Monday, the high court refused to hear the appeal of Karen Tomberlin of Coleraine.

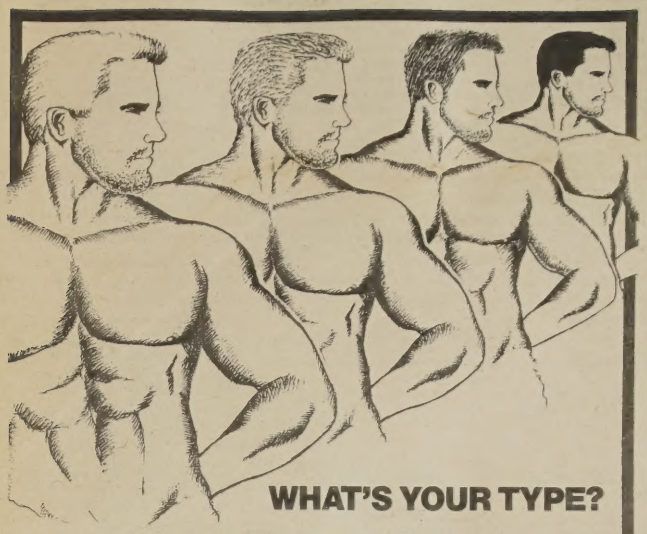
Tomberlin originally had been appointed as guardian for Kowalski by St. Louis County District Judge Robert Campbell.

However, the State Court of Appeals overturned the lower court decision and appointed Thompson as guardian. That decision was appealed by Tomberlin and her attorney, Thomas J. Sjogren of Duluth.

But the state's highest court decided not to hear the appeal in a one-sentence order signed by Chief Justice A.M. "Sandy" Keith.

The appointment of Thompson received widespread attention and praise from feminists and gay rights activists. Thompson, 44, is a professor at St. Cloud State University.

Kowalski, 35, a former physical education teacher, was left brain-damaged and physically impaired after a Nov. 1983 automobile accident. She lives in a nursing home in a Minneapolis suburb. Thompson has had a handicapped-accessible home built and has said she intends to bring Kowalski there to live.



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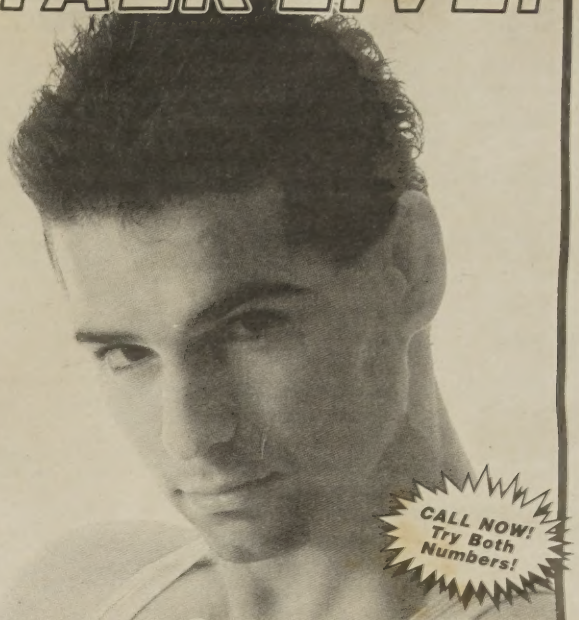

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Report: Gay group targeting St. Patrick's parade's TV sponsors

NEW YORK, Tuesday, Feb. 18 (AP)—A gay Irish group that has been banned from next month's St. Patrick's Day parade is putting the squeeze on the parade's telecast by persuading sponsors to withdraw from it, according to a published report.

The Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization has sent letters to the sponsors of what is traditionally a four-hour telecast saying the group was barred form the parade because of discrimination and urging the sponsors to pull out, the New York Post reported.

"ILGO has sent letters to our sponsors telling them not to support the telecast, which is illegal for them to do," David Marr, executive producer of the WPIX-TV parade broadcast, told the Post.

Sources told the Post that sponsor withdrawal so far represents some $150,000 in advertising and that sponsors including Aer Lingus, the Irish Tourist Board and Guinness Ale have backed out of the telecast.

Leaders of the gay group could not be reached for comment, the Post said.

Marr told the Post that 20 sponsors were needed for the four-hour telecast but that so far, only one sponsor, Tipperrary Crystal, had signed a contract.

He said he had decided to cut the telecast to two hours and he might have to cancel it altogether.

Last year, the gay Irish group was not allowed to march as a unit in the parade but marched with a division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the parade's sponsors. Spectators threw several full cans of beer at the gay marchers and at Mayor David Dinkins, who accompanied them.

The gay organization and the Hibernians have reportedly been negotiating in an attempt to find a compromise that would allow the gay group to participate in some way in this year's parade on March 17.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: THE WORLD

AIDS clinic organizers say Mexican health officials harass them

TIJUANA, Mexico, Tuesday, Feb. 18 (AP)—Organizers of the city's only clinic for indigent AIDS patients say Mexican health officials harass and ignore them to try to drive the program away.

But an official with the federal health center, where the program is housed, blames the problem more on jurisdiction than to rejection.

Mary McCarthy, a University of California at San Diego nurse and founder of the clinic, said she got permission from Mexican health officials in Oct. 1989 to treat people with AIDS on Tuesday evenings at the Centro de Salud, the federal health department.

Since then, she said, there have been five health directors in charge of the facility, and none has welcomed the program.

"With each succeeding one, we have been ignored or harassed in ways that made it clear we are not wanted," McCarthy said.

During the past five weeks, she said, the clinic's volunteer staff has arrived to find the department's driveway chained off and the doors locked.

They have found part of their area filled with boxes, desks and debris. The clinic's medical director, Dr. Jose Luis Lepe Zuniga, said the remaining space is so substandard, he will no longer see patients there.

Lepe said he has repeatedly tried to talk to the center's health director, Dr. Marco Antonio Lira Pedrin. "He always says that next week, he will leave the keys with the secretaries. Then the next week, they don't know anything about that."

Dr. Ernesto Macareno, health services coordinator for the federal health center, blamed the problem on jurisdiction problems and balancing priorities.

"The two highest priorities that we have are first, universal vaccination of children over the age of 5, and second, the prevention and control of AIDS," Macareno said.

Macareno said the health center is forming a group to coordinate and regulate the AIDS work of private groups like McCarthy's. The committee would try to ensure that only qualified people are doing legitimate work, Macareno said.

Lepe conceded that Lira has emphasized he is not asking the clinic to leave, but says he is doubtful.

"I don't think they are interested in having the clinic there. It's awkward having a civilian group acting in a public health office," Lepe said.

Macareno said the security measures were taken because the staff of the health department has reported things missing after the clinic uses the facility.

"The question of security is important because we can lose many things, not to the people of the (AIDS) clinic, but the people who come as patients," Macareno said.

Macareno added that the gates have been locked because of parking problems at the health center.

In early 1990, the clinic was closed briefly in the mistaken belief that AIDS patients might transmit the virus to children at the center during the day.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

AIDS Clinical Trial Unit closes abruptly for lack of funds

The New Orleans AIDS Clinical Trail Unit, operated out of the medical schools of LSU and Tulane, has closed for lack of funding.

"You've got to be optimistic," said the unit's former director, Dr. Newton E. Hyslop. "If we're not successful (finding the funding), it's going to be a devastation of medical care in New Orleans."

Rep. William Jefferson, D-La., said he will talk to Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan in an effort to keep the unit open.

The AIDS Clinical trials Unit was part of a national network that provided early access to promising AIDS drugs. Approximately 2000 cases of AIDS are on record in the New Orleans area. About 10 times that number are thought to be infected with the HIV virus.

"They just pulled the rug out from under 300 people in New Orleans," a former study participant said. "Many of us have no place to turn."

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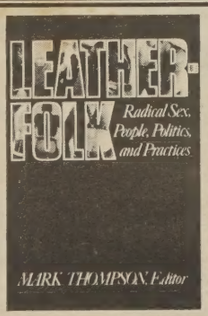
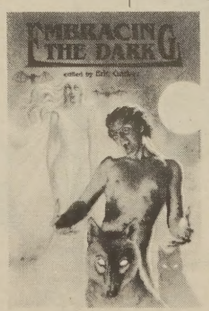


There's a new leather community in America today. It's politically aware and socially active. In his groundbreaking new anthology LEATHERFOLK (cloth, $20.00), Mark Thompson has asked many of this community's most prominent members to relate the history of the leather and S/M movement, how radical sex practice relates to their spirituality, and what S/M means to them personally.

A very different take on leather sex appears in MASTERS' COUNTERPOINTS (paperback, $10.00), by Larry Townsend. Townsend is already known in these circles for his fiction (such as *Run Little Leather Boy*) and nonfiction (*Leatherman's Handbook*). In this suspenseful novel, he combines his talent at writing erotica with the spine-tingling story of a father-son S/M partnership that's gone too far.

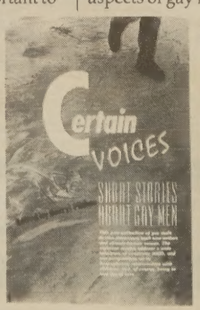
Horror and sci-fi enthusiasts will be delighted with the long-awaited release of EMBRACING THE DARK ($9.00). Eric Garber, one of the country's foremost authorities on gay sci-fi, has collected eleven chilling stories of gay werewolves, lesbian vampires, and sexual fantasies that take on lives of their own. Contributors include Jeffrey N. McMahan, Jewelle Gomez, Jay B. Laws ... and a surprise contribution by nineteenth-century gay rights pioneer Karl Heinrich Ulrichs.



Two decades ago, Dr. George Weinberg coined the term *homophobia*. In a single word, he thus turned the tables on decades of prejudice, and declared that it is not being gay but a fear of gayness that is the real sickness. In SOCIETY AND THE HEALTHY HOMOSEXUAL ($8.00), Weinberg elaborates on these insights. He cautions gay people against assuming that universal problems such as loneliness stem from their sexual orientation, and shows the way to getting the most out of being gay. "Dr. Weinberg's words were immeasurably important to me when I first read them, and they still have great value today," writes U.S. Congressman Gerry E. Studds in the introduction to this new re-issue.

Whether she's discussing the etiquette of a holy union ceremony or the ethics of zoophilia, Pat Califia's advice is always useful, often unorthodox, and sometimes quite funny. For a decade, she's contributed the advice column to *The Advocate*. Now, in THE ADVOCATE ADVISER ($9.00), her best columns of the past combine with some new material, to definitively establish her as the Miss Manners of gay culture.

Tired of gay fiction that's always set in New York and San Francisco? For his new short-story anthology, Darryl Pilcher made a special effort to show other aspects of gay life. The eighteen stories in CERTAIN VOICES ($9.00) explore such concerns as relationships with children; homophobia; AIDS; and, of course, being in and out of love.



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